



ABOUT

Welcome to Pope High School in East Cobb, where excellence is a habit. Pope posted a graduation rate of 98.4% and a 1185 average SAT. The school cleared 90%+ proficiency in every tested Milestones subject as one of only three Cobb schools to do it, and in athletics, the girls track team won back-to-back Class 5A state championships. This is also a community that shows up for each other: Pope has raised more than \$400k for childhood cancer research in honor of former Greyhound, Matt Hobby. **Your student will find high expectations and support from teachers. There has never been a better time to be a Greyhound.**

MISSION

Inspiring students to achieve extraordinary success!

VISION

A learning environment that provides relevant and rigorous education preparing students for their future in an evolving world



PREMIER ACADEMICS

Pope's Class of 2025 posted a 98.4% graduation rate and an average SAT of 1185. On the 2025–26 Georgia Milestones, Pope was one of just six Cobb high schools scoring 90%+ proficient in both math and science, and one of only three to clear 90% in every tested subject including social studies.



FUTURE-READY PATHWAYS

Pope offers two selective Academies — STEM and Globalization — layering application-based pathways, AP Capstone, and diploma seals in International Skills and Civic Engagement on top of the standard curriculum. Students pursue project-based, interdisciplinary learning aimed at high-demand STEM and global-affairs careers.



CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS & ARTS

Pope flag football won its third consecutive state championship in December 2025, becoming the first champion of GHSA's new Division 5 with a 14–13 win over McEachern at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. The Pope Band's production "MOD" was named overall champion of the Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational, sweeping the music, visual, general effect, and color guard captions.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

In September 2025, Pope dedicated Matt Hobby Field before the 20th anniversary of Matt Hobby Night, honoring a student-athlete who died of Ewing Sarcoma just before graduation. The "4 Quarters 4 Research" fundraiser to honor from his memory has raised more than \$400,000 at Pope and now expanded to over 300 schools nationwide.

The Parent Perspective

"Pope's teachers know my kids by name and by dream. The results speak for themselves, but the relationships are why we stay."

The Student Experience

"Pope makes it normal to aim high. When almost everyone around you is graduating and testing at the top, you rise to it."



The best part of this job is watching lightbulbs go off.

Our graduates lead the county, our girls just brought home back-to-back state track championships, and our students keep inventing things I never imagined.



Dr. Matthew Bradford, Principal





BY THE NUMBERS

98.4% graduation rate — Class of 2026.

100% four-year graduation rate — students who stay at Pope all four years graduate at a 100% rate.

1185 average SAT — above the Cobb district average (1116), Georgia (1038), and national (1029) averages.

25.1 average ACT — 18th highest in Georgia. Cobb County averaged 23.7 against Georgia's 21.4 and the national 19.4, first among metro Atlanta districts.

90%+ proficient in math, science, AND social studies on the 2025–26 Georgia Milestones — one of only three Cobb high schools to do so.

4 National Merit Semifinalists in the Class of 2026 — Kenneth Kim, Ishaan Marwaha, Ekansh Singh, and Nyla Yarbrough.

Three consecutive state championships in flag football (2023, 2024, 2025). The 2025 title was the first in GHSA's new Division 5.

Over \$13 million in scholarships earned by the Class of 2025.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Flag Football Three-Peat: Pope beat McEachern 14–13 on a final-minute extra point at Mercedes-Benz Stadium (December 17, 2025) to win its third straight state title — and the first-ever GHSA Division 5 championship.

Back-to-Back State Champions on the Track: The girls track and field team won its second straight GHSA Class 5A team state championship in May 2026, with nine top-four finishers. The 2025 title was the program's first since 1996. (Cobb Schools, May 2025 and May 2026)

Deep in the Bracket: Volleyball reached the 2025 GHSA Class 5A state semifinals. (Pope Athletics, fall 2025)

Marching Band Grand Champion: The Pope Band's "MOD" show won overall champion at the Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational (October 11, 2025), sweeping every major caption award.

Matt Hobby Field Dedicated: Pope named its athletic field for the late student-athlete on the 20th anniversary of the fundraiser started in his memory (September 2025).

National Merit Semifinalists: Four Pope seniors earned 2026 semifinalist status.

2025 Cobb Teacher of the Year: Pope special education teacher Amanda Dillard was named Cobb County Teacher of the Year, announced in October 2025, and went on to become one of ten finalists for Georgia Teacher of the Year. She has taught for 18 years and founded Pope's esports program, which she coaches.

National Stage for a Student Invention: Four Pope seniors built Medi-Loc, a fingerprint-secured medication dispenser and companion app for people with Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative conditions. Pope was named a semifinalist in Samsung's 2025–26 Solve for Tomorrow competition.



ED-SPLOST Thanks to community support through Ed-SPLOST, Pope's renovation package is complete: a new baseball press box and field improvements, renovated locker rooms, new Media Center and Band Room flooring, a security vestibule, and new exterior doors. Stadium improvements with metal grandstands and a renovated press box are in design.

**CAMPUS RENOVATION COMPLETE
STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS IN DESIGN**

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