



JOSEPH WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

ABOUT

Welcome to Wheeler High School in East Cobb, where a historic year just proved the point. The boys basketball team won its 11th state championship, three CircuitRunners robotics teams reached the FIRST World Championship, and Wheeler's 1191 average SAT ranked among Cobb's top three. Home to the Center for Advanced Studies, Georgia's first program certified in both STEM and STEAM, Wheeler pairs elite academics with one of Cobb's most diverse student communities. Your student can chase a state title and a world championship in the same year. **There has never been a better time to be a Wildcat.**

COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS AND VALUES

Safety, Respect, Integrity, Self-Advocacy, Critical Thinking



A TOP-THREE SAT IN COBB

Wheeler's 2025 average SAT of 1191 was third-highest among Cobb County high schools and well above the Georgia (1038) and national (1029) averages. Fourteen Wheeler seniors were named National Merit Semifinalists, and five earned 2026 National Merit Scholarships: one National Merit Scholarship, one corporate-sponsored, and three college-sponsored awards.



A PIONEERING STEM MAGNET

Wheeler houses the Center for Advanced Studies in Science, Math and Technology (CASSMT), a competitive four-year magnet of roughly 520 students offering accelerated pathways in Engineering, Robotics, Medical Biotechnology, Horticulture, Advanced Chemistry, and Advanced Physics. It was Georgia's first program certified in both STEM and STEAM.



CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS

Wheeler boys basketball won its 11th state championship on March 14, 2026, beating Pebblebrook 62-52 at the Macon Coliseum — the program's fifth title in seven years — led by four-star UConn signee Colben Landrew's 29-point, 12-rebound performance. The team finished the season ranked 11th in the nation at 27-6.



WORLD-CLASS ROBOTICS

In 2025-26, Wheeler's CircuitRunners teams won top honors at the Georgia FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship and became the first Wheeler program ever to send three teams to the FIRST World Championship in Houston.

The Parent Perspective

"Wheeler's magnet challenged my daughter beyond anything we expected, and the community carried her the whole way."



Success at Wheeler looks different for every student, and that is the point. Back-to-back state basketball titles, a magnet program sending robotics teams to the world stage, and the highest ACT in Cobb all live in one building."



Dr. Sara Fetterman, Principal





BY THE NUMBERS

1191 average SAT — third-highest among Cobb County high schools in 2025, above the Georgia (1038) and national (1029) averages.

11 state basketball championships — the most recent won 62–52 over Pebblebrook on March 14, 2026, the fifth title in seven years.

27–6 record — the 2025–26 basketball team, ranked 11th nationally.

14 National Merit Semifinalists in the Class of 2026 — second-most of any Cobb high school.

5 National Merit Scholarships awarded in 2026 — one National Merit Scholarship, one corporate-sponsored, and three college-sponsored awards.

3 robotics teams at the FIRST World Championship (April–May 2026) — a first in school history.

28.5 average ACT — 2nd highest in Georgia. Cobb averaged 23.7 compared to Georgia's 21.4 and the national 19.4, first among metro Atlanta districts.

Over \$15.1 million in scholarships earned by the Class of 2025, alongside more than 10,000 hours of community service.

~520 students in the CASSMT magnet, drawing 100–140 new freshmen each year through competitive admission.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Robotics World Championship Bid: For the first time ever, Wheeler sent three CircuitRunners teams to the FIRST World Championship in Houston (April 2026).

State Robotics Honors: At the February 2026 Georgia FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship, Wheeler's FTC 1002 won the top Inspire-related honor and a Winning Alliance slot; FTC 11347 won the 1st Place Inspire Award.

Strong National Merit Showing: Fourteen seniors earned 2026 National Merit Semifinalist recognition.

STEM and STEAM Pioneer: CASSMT was Georgia's first program certified in both STEM and STEAM, drawing students from more than 50 schools.

Congressional App Challenge Winners: Aarav Balaji took first and Vidya Sinha third in the district competition.

11th State Basketball Title: Wheeler beat Pebblebrook 62–52 at the Macon Coliseum on March 14, 2026, led by UConn signee Colben Landrew's MVP performance.

Back-to-Back Champions: The 2026 title was Wheeler's second straight and head coach Larry Thompson's fifth at the school. Wheeler was selected for the Throne National Championship in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in March 2026.

All-Cobb Final Four: Wheeler's title run included a 56–52 semifinal win over McEachern before defeating Pebblebrook in the championship.



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