

SHERWOOD ACRES ELEMENTARY CUTS RIBBON ON INNOVATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM



ALBANY, Ga. – School officials, community partners, and excited students gathered recently to celebrate the ribbon cutting of a revolutionary new learning system at Sherwood Acres Elementary School.

The innovative Interactive Playground System, funded through a competitive grant awarded by the Dougherty County Schools' Charter System Innovation Grants Program, transforms the school gym into an interactive learning environment, seamlessly integrating academic subjects with physical activity.

On Friday, April 19, 2024, school leaders cut the ribbon on the project, allowing community partners to view and participate.

"It's really been a hit with our students," Principal Yvette Simmons said. "Here at Sherwood we're always looking for ways to enhance the learning experience and this system really blends together some of the things the students are learning in class with the physical activity they get in P.E."

Learning Through Movement:

Sherwood Acres Elementary School partnered with Georgia-based PowerUpEDU to implement Active Learning for their students. Active Learning is one of PowerUpEDU's Core Practices, and they introduced the Interactive Playground as a solution to engage students and transform the PE learning environment.

The Interactive Playground System utilizes a state-of-the-art audiovisual system powered by a wide range of educational applications to create a captivating learning experience that goes beyond traditional textbooks and lectures. Students work together in teams, moving around the gym and responding to prompts displayed on the wall. This engaging format fosters collaboration, enhances problem-solving skills, and critical thinking, while simultaneously promoting physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

Grant Funding Innovation:

The Interactive Playground implementation was made possible through the Dougherty County Charter School System Innovation Grants Program which is designed to support the implementation of bold, creative initiatives within the district's schools.

To date, more than \$1 million has been awarded to schools to support innovative learning projects.

Transforming Education:

The Interactive Playground System represents a significant shift towards a more holistic and engaging learning experience. By incorporating movement and competition into the curriculum, the platform caters to a variety of learning styles and provides students with an opportunity to excel in a dynamic and interactive environment.

By partnering with PowerUpEDU, Sherwood Acres Elementary also received professional learning and training on the technology enabling a seamless integration.

PowerUpEDU, an award-winning education solutions provider for classrooms in the southeast, creates transformational learning environments that engage students, empower teachers, and effectively bridge the gap between teaching and technology.

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