

History of

Hooper Renwick School

The original Hooper Renwick School opened in the early 1950's and at the time was the only public school in the county that black students could attend. With integration, the school closed in 1964 and over the next 30 years served as home to various Gwinnett County School departments.

During the early 1990s, with the Gwinnett student population continuing to grow at an incredible rate, the county began to investigate how to better serve the county's middle and high school students with severe emotional and behavioral problems. With the Hooper Renwick facility vacant at the time, the decision was made to totally renovate the facility to meet the unique needs of this special education population.

In 1995, the school was reopened under the direction of administrator Gary Glenn. Now these students that had been placed at five different schools within the county could be served under one roof. This move provided the students with the special attention they required and was met with almost immediate success.

The "new" Hooper Renwick opened with only six classrooms and approximately 30 students, but like the

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The following have served as principals of the Hooper Renwick School (since the 1995 renovation):

1995–2007	Gary Glenn
2007–July 2009	Jane Rexinger
July 2009–2013	Arthur F. Reitz
2013–2014	Jodi Lovett
2014–Present	Interim, Gary Glenn

rest of the county, growth was inevitable. During the next few years the program continued to grow and with the addition of students with autism in 1997, the school now serves a student population of more than 135 students in 25 classes.

