

History of

Alton C. Crews Middle School

Alton C. Crews Middle School, under the leadership of principal Mary Anne Charron, first opened its doors to students in the fall of 1997. Located in Lawrenceville, Crews is one of two middle schools in Gwinnett County Public Schools' Brookwood cluster. The school is named after Dr. Alton C. Crews, a visionary leader in education, who served as the superintendent of Gwinnett County Public Schools for 12 years, and who was named the "Georgia Superintendent of the Year" in 1989. At the school's official dedication ceremony on December 5, 1997, United States Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley honored the memory of Dr. Crews in his keynote address.

In 2003, the Gwinnett County Board of Education appointed Jonathan Patterson as principal of Alton C. Crews Middle School. He continued efforts to "build a tradition of excellence."

In 2006, Dr. Gene Taylor was tapped as the new principal at Crews Middle School. Dr. Taylor inherited a dedicated staff and high-performing school.

Dr. Vince Botta became the principal in 2008, and focused on maintaining Crews' high academic performance.

In November of 2012, Dr. Stacey Schepens took over as the school's leader, continuing the focus on academic success for all students.

In September of 2019, the Gwinnett County Board of Education selected Dr. Brett Savage as the school's

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Address:	1000 Old Snellville Highway Lawrenceville, GA 30044
The following have served as principals of Alton C. Crews Middle School:	
1997–2003	Mary Anne Charron
2003–2006	Jonathan Patterson
2006–2008	Dr. Gene Taylor
2008–Nov. 2012	Dr. Vince Botta
Nov. 2012–Sept. 2019	Dr. Stacey Schepens
Oct. 2019–Present	Dr. Brett C. Savage
School Colors:	Maroon, Gold, and Navy
School Mascot:	Broncos

next principal. As Dr. Savage began his tenure as principal he held three "Meet the Principal" meetings that allowed him to learn more about the school and its culture of success. In addition to building strong relationships with stakeholders, he is committed to maintaining Crews' legacy of high standards and strong community involvement.

Improving student achievement in all academic subjects continues to be the primary goal at Crews Middle, with strong emphasis on the use of technology in all aspects of learning. Student projects are showcased



each year at the school's annual Technology Fair, which is consistently attended by hundreds of students, parents, and community leaders.

Another main area of focus is professional learning. Each year, the faculty and staff complete thousands of hours of professional development designed to improve teaching and learning. The Crews faculty has twice received "Pay for Performance" awarded by the Georgia Department of Education for exemplary performance and collaboration. And in 2006, Crews was one of only 16 schools nationwide recognized as a recipient of a "2006 Intel and Scholastic Schools of Distinction Award." Crews received the recognition in the program's "professional development" category.

Each year, Crews Middle School is recognized for outstanding academic achievement and consistently high test scores. In 2004, the school was named a "Georgia School of Excellence" in the area of student achievement. Beginning in 2005 and for six consecutive years, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education, recognized Crews for improving and promoting excellence in student academic achievement. Crews also earned recognition in 2006 from Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Service for closing the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students. Crews continues to excel in all testing areas, including Biology End of Course Tests, writing tests, Iowa Tests and state tests (CRCT and Georgia Milestones).

Students participate in our fine arts programs, and continue to excel in band, orchestra, and chorus. Our students also compete in the county and state Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Science and Engineering Fair, Reflections, Foreign Language Association of Georgia competitions, and Readers Rally. We continue to earn awards in all areas. Our staff and students support the United Way and Relay for Life by continuously reaching and exceeding our school goals.

Since its inception, Crews Middle School has benefited from caring, involved parents; an active, dedicated PTSA; and supportive businesses in the surrounding community, all of whom share a common belief in the importance of helping each child reach his or her potential in order to thrive in the 21st century.



Dr. Alton C. Crews
GCPS Superintendent
October 1977 through December 1989

