

History of

Baggett Elementary School

Baggett Elementary School is named after Boyd Quillian Baggett, a former principal in Gwinnett County Public Schools. Mr. Baggett was born on September 10, 1900, in Barrow County, Georgia. He graduated from Winder High School in 1918 and entered North Georgia College. Subsequently, he received an appointment to the Military Academy at West Point in 1920 and remained there for one year. After working for a few years, he completed his degree at the University of Georgia in 1934, which included a reserve commission in the Army through the ROTC.

Mr. Baggett started his career in education in Barrow County as a coach, teacher, and principal at Bethlehem School from 1927 to 1941. He also served as mayor of Bethlehem for two terms. In 1932, Mr. Baggett married Betty R. Harrison of Bethlehem. They had two children, James (Jeb) Baggett of Lilburn and Betty Baggett Bowling of Johns Creek, and five grandchildren.

In 1948, Mr. Baggett came to Gwinnett County to be the new principal at Bethesda School. He served there until 1953, when he was named principal of Lawrenceville School. In the fall of 1957, Mr. Baggett became the first principal of the new Central Gwinnett High School in Lawrenceville. The year 1957 was momentous in that it was the first postwar consolidation of schools in Gwinnett County. Four new high schools opened about that time: Central Gwinnett, North Gwinnett, South Gwinnett and West Gwinnett.



FAST FACTS

Address: 2136 Old Norcross Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

The following have served as principals of Baggett Elementary School:

2015–Present Dr. Charlotte Sadler

School Colors: Navy, Lime Green, and Silver

School Mascot: Titans

Mr. Baggett was principal at Central Gwinnett High School until 1964, when he became an assistant to the county school superintendent, primarily recruiting teachers for Gwinnett's rapidly growing educational system. Throughout his lifetime, he was active in professional and community organizations and in his church.

Baggett Elementary School opened its doors on August 10, 2015, serving more than 1,100 students coming from Benefield, Ferguson, and Alford elementary schools. In addition to 53 classrooms, the school included other learning units such as a science classroom, three computer labs, a music room, an art room, etc. In line with the

school's theme—"Building a Strong Foundation for Academic Success"—the school uses technology through the use of innovative eCLASS instructional opportunities and offers Math, Spanish, and STEM specials.



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