

History of

McConnell Middle School

J. P. McConnell Middle School, which opened in August of 1996, is named for James Patterson McConnell, founder of Grayson, Georgia. During his lifetime, Mr. McConnell contributed greatly to the civic, economic, religious, and educational development of the Grayson community. Following the Civil War, the Grayson area had no schools for children to attend. Mr. McConnell believed learning to be essential and a building block for the future so he founded a school for the children of Grayson.

McConnell Middle School exemplifies the success that a school focused on teaching and learning can experience. The school's writing initiatives, which includes teaching students to score their own writing with a very detailed rubric, has shown incredible results. For four consecutive years, McConnell has scored in the top 20 schools in the state on the Eighth Grade Writing Assessment, breaking the top ten in year 2, and having not less than 20% of its students score in the "Exceeds" category each year.

Over the years, the school has garnered a number of accolades at the student, teacher, and school levels. Among those include being named a Georgia School of Excellence twice and earning national recognition in

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Address: 550 Ozora Road
Loganville, GA 30052

The following have served as principals of McConnell Middle School:

1996–2004	John Campbell
2004–2007	Dan Hicks
2007–2010	Paula Everett-Truppi
2010–Present	Clent Chatham

School Colors: Red and Silver

School Mascot: Red Tiger

Georgia School of Excellence: 2002 and 2007

2005 when it was named an Intel/Scholastic School of Distinction and Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School.

J. P. McConnell would be proud that the Gwinnett County Board of Education designated a middle school to bear his name. This award-winning school acts is a fitting legacy as a namesake, fostering an appreciation of education for the entire Grayson area community.



