

# History of

## Annistown Elementary School

In the early 1900's the area around Annistown Elementary School was known as Annie's Town. The site for Annistown Elementary School, located at 3150 Spain Road in Snellville, was previously a wooded hill covered with pines, dogwoods, and other hardwoods. Today, from the top of the hill, Stone Mountain can be viewed by students and faculty as they come and go.

The need for Annistown Elementary School came as a result of rapid growth in the Snellville/Stone Mountain area. As a result, a 1979 Gwinnett County bond referendum included this school in its plan. The 23-acre site was selected in February of 1980. Construction, using a self-contained classroom concept, began in May of 1980, and was completed in August of 1981.

Since the original building was constructed, two additions have been completed. In 1982, an activity building was constructed behind the southeast end of the facility. In 1988, a 12-room addition was added to accommodate rapid growth which also provided music and art classrooms, additional office space and small-group instruction settings.

Approximately 87 percent of Annistown's student population was drawn from Centerville Elementary, and eight percent was drawn from Mountain Park Elementary. Approximately five percent of the population was due to growth in the area.

### FAST FACTS

**Address:** 3150 Spain Road  
Snellville, GA 30039

The following have been principals of Annistown Elementary School:

1981–85	Dr. Fred Rundle
1985–86	Ted Briggs
1986–98	Dr. Joy Marsee
1998–2003	Dr. Valerie Manson
2003–2005	Calvin Watts
2005–2011	Lorraine Henry
2011–Present	Dr. Steve Frandsen

**School Colors:** Blue and Gold

**School Mascot:** Tiger

The school's mascot is the Annistown Tiger, which was chosen by the school's first principal and a group of teachers. They selected the colors blue and gold for the school colors. School traditions include skate night, a wax museum of famous Americans, the school talent show, the fall carnival, a math and technology night, Bingo night and PTA meetings featuring student performances.



Annistown prides itself on the opportunities it provides its learners. The school offers several clubs, including National Junior Beta Club, Distinguished Gentlemen's Club, Ladies of Distinction, Ambassadors, Student Safety Patrols, Chorus, Art Club, Science Club, Math Club, Writer's Club, Jump Rope Club, Spelling Bee, Math Bee, Wizzle Pro Math, and enrichment classes.

In addition, the school offers the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program, providing students the opportunity to learn Spanish. Students in the program learn mathematics, science, and literacy in Spanish and study language arts and social studies using English. Through this collaboration, students develop proficiency in both English and Spanish. Students begin the program in kindergarten and Annistown is adding a grade level each year as students move on to the next grade level with a goal of serving students in grades K-5 by 2019.

Other instructional offerings include Early Intervention Program (EIP), Reading Recovery, Character Education, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services, a before-school remediation and enrichment program, Saturday Writing Academy, Tiger Pals mentoring program, Accelerated Reader, Accelerated Math, Study Island, and Education City.

Annistown works with parents to support student success. The Parent Center gives parents opportunities to learn how to help their child improve reading, mathematics, and writing skills, and provides resources to help with homework.

This focus on student learning has allowed the school to earn recognition from the Georgia Department of Education as a Reward School in the "High Progress" category in 2015-16. This award honors schools among the top 10% of Title I schools in the state making the most progress in improving performance of the "all students" group over three years on statewide assessments. The school's efforts in environmental education also have earned kudos from Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful.

