

# History of

# Alcova Elementary School

Alcova Elementary School is named for the area's former Alcova School. The naming of this school, which opened in August 2004, honors the teachers, students, and community members of the Dacula area. The need for Alcova came as a result of rapid growth in the Dacula Cluster. The school was one of the projects built from the 2002 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

Today's Alcova Elementary is a far cry from the original Alcova School, which had two rooms and a cloak room. The "old" school had two teachers and 84 students in seven grades. Resources included homemade desks, a good blackboard, some maps, a globe, and three reference dictionaries.

The school's enrollment has grown over the years, reaching more than 1,200 students in 2016. To serve the growing enrollment, the school facility has expanded from the 90,453 square foot, 37-classroom facility built in 2004 to the 143,983 square foot, 72-classroom facility that serves students today.

The school's first staff and 5th grade student council members came up with the school's motto: Learning Together Every Day. This focus on learning has benefited students in a number of ways. The school provides extended learning time through after-school programs, a successful mentoring program that partners students with volunteers from the community, and a thriving parent

## FAST FACTS

**Address:** 770 Ewing Chapel Rd.  
Dacula, GA 30019

The following have served as principals of Alcova Elementary School:

2004–Dec. 2011	Dr. Carolyn Ford
Jan. 2012–Present	Todd Langley

**School Colors:** Red and Navy

**School Mascot:** Cardinal

center. The school's work has paid off in numerous student, staff, and school honors, including being named a 2014 Georgia Department of Education Reward School in the Highest Progress category.



*From its origins as a two-room schoolhouse to today's modern facility, Alcova has been a fixture in the community.*

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