

History of

Richard Hull Middle School

Richard Hull Middle School is named after Richard Hull, a prominent businessman and philanthropist in Duluth, Georgia. He was instrumental in the opening of a health clinic, which later became Joan Glancy Hospital. Mr. Hull is also credited with building the original Hull Elementary School, Duluth's first segregated school.

Hull Middle School opened in August of 1996 under the direction of Principal Wanda Yeargin with 728 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and 71 staff members. Although Hull opened as the smallest school in Gwinnett County at the time, in the past several years it has grown tremendously while still maintaining a sense of small community and family.

As Hull's student and staff population continued to grow, the building was renovated and an additional 35 classrooms, a second gym, and an expanded cafeteria were added to accommodate the growth of the area. By 2011–12, Hull Middle School grew to become the largest middle school in the southeast with a student body count of 2600 and a staff of 216 requiring the use of 28 trailers to accommodate the student population. In 2014–15, Hull's student body count was reduced in half to 1307 and a staff

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Address: 1950 Old Peachtree Road
Duluth, GA 30096

The following have served as principals of Hull Middle School:

1996–2000	Wanda Yeargin
2000–2006	Dr. Gwen Tatum
2006–Present	Denise Showell

School Colors: Blue and White with a Red accent

School Mascot: Lions

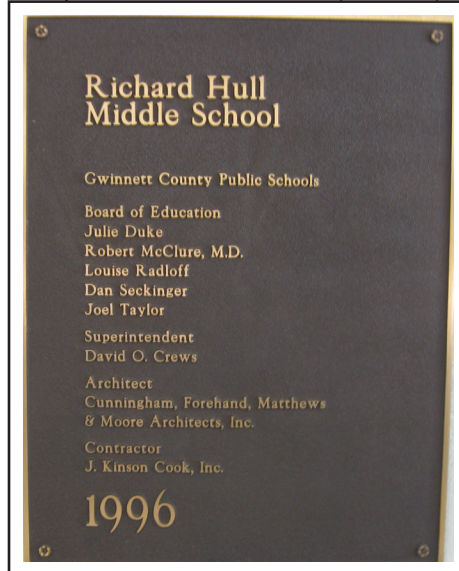
of 140, with the opening of Northbrook Middle School, the second middle school of the Peachtree Ridge Cluster.

Although smaller, Hull Middle continues its excellence in education by producing a high achieving student body. Evidence of this achievement is found in the accolades earned over the years. In 2005 and 2006, Hull Middle School was an honored recipient of the Platinum Award



by the State of Georgia, Governor's Office of Student Achievement. Hull received this award for outstanding testing achievements. A great deal of emphasis is placed upon student achievement and is encouraged by offering its students opportunities to participate in academic enrichment activities through various organizations and competitions.

Hull students have received awards on the national, state, and county levels of many highly recognized organizations and teams such as Academic Team Tournaments; PAGE Regionals; GMEA All-State Band, Chorus, and Orchestra Competitions; Young Georgia Author's Competitions; Georgia MathCounts; Scholastic Art & Writing Contests; First Lego League Annual Robotics Competitions; Science and Engineering Competitions; National, State, and County Level Spelling Bees; FLAG Middle and High School Spoken Language Contests; Gwinnett Media Festivals; National and State Geography Bees; Junior National Young Leader's Conferences; Dwight Love Math Tournaments; Gwinnett County's Mosaic Publications; Odyssey of the Mind Competitions; Southeast Regional Thinking Cap Quiz Bowls; International Media Festivals; Continental Math League Competitions; National Science League Competitions; Solar Flare Competitions; and National French Contests.



Hull's Connections programs include Art, Band, Careers, Chorus, French, Health, Orchestra, Physical Education, Spanish, and Technical Education. Students' opportunities for growth are enhanced with the many school clubs which include Art, Blue Crew (Pep Club), Chess, Environmental, Fiddle, French, Hull's Helping Hands, Library, Readers Rally,

Robotics Club; Science Fair, Solar Cars, Upstanders, WyldLife, and Yearbook. In addition, student leadership is fostered through DECA, Junior Achievement, Junior Beta, Peer Leaders, and Student Council.

Hull offers its students numerous opportunities for academic support such as Academic Assistance; Extended Learning Time (ELT); Saturday School; and morning tutoring. Hull also offers several summer programs to encourage student achievement such as Jumpstart; Math Institute; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.);

and the Literacy Institute.

Today's student body is extremely diverse with a make-up that is 36 percent Asian, 25 percent African American, 10 percent Hispanic, 24 percent Caucasian, and 4 percent Multi-racial. This diversity fosters a great sense of community and creativity within the halls of Hull Middle School.

Hull Middle School believes strongly in its motto that "Every Child is a Promise" and the school's faculty and staff are dedicated to their mission of "Educating Above and Beyond."