

History of

J. G. Dyer Elementary School

J. G. Dyer Elementary is located in Lawrenceville, Georgia, near Highway 316. The school was named in honor of Jewell Gerdeen Dyer. Mr. Dyer, who died in November of 1960, had served as principal of Suwanee High School and Grayson High School. He had served as assistant superintendent of Gwinnett County Public Schools for four years at the time of his death.

Dyer Elementary, which was funded by a bond referendum, was built during the 1970-71 school year to ease the overcrowded conditions at Lawrenceville Elementary. Until construction was complete, students in Grades 1 through 3 were housed in portable classrooms at Lawrenceville Elementary. Grades 4 through 6 were housed at an older school in downtown Lawrenceville. The J. G. Dyer Elementary building was opened to faculty and students in April of 1971.

Over a 20 year period, the student population at J. G. Dyer Elementary steadily increased due to surrounding growth. The school population was eased over the years by the opening of several nearby schools. By 1996, Dyer had reached its highest enrollment of 1,200 students. The following year, K. E. Taylor Elementary opened, relieving Dyer of half of its students. Currently, Dyer has an enrollment of approximately 700 students.

As the school population grew, so did the school's

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The following have served as principals of J. G. Dyer Elementary School:

1970–79	Hugh May
1979–84	Dr. Robert Clark
1984–95	Larry Smith
1995–98	Chris Emsley
1998–2003	Dr. Phil Epperson
2003–Sept., 2011	Donna Torbush
Oct., 2011–Present	Michael DiFilippo

School Colors: Green and White

School Mascot: Dyer Dragon

facility. Ten classrooms were added to the original building in 1972. Eight classrooms were built in 1987, and an additional wing with 15 classrooms was added in the early 1990s. Also, at that time, remodeling projects updated the school with an expanded media center and kitchen, as well as improved art, music, and special education classrooms. In the summer of 1999, renovations improved the office space and converted



larger classrooms to additional smaller areas for the growing number of special education and resource classes.