

History of

J. P. 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, a 2002 Georgia School of Excellence, exemplifies the success that a school focused on teaching and learning can experience. The school's writing initiatives reflect the importance of making parents and teachers partners in the learning process. Each year during the school's 10 year history, parents and teachers have collaborated to score student fall and spring writing samples. This innovative activity has received national recognition with McConnell earning the accolades of Intel/Scholastic School of Distinction and Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School in 2005.

J. P. McConnell would be proud that the Gwinnett

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Address: 550 Ozora Rd.
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, 2007

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.

