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GCPS welcomes its newest educators July 25-28

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) will welcome approximately 1,400 new teachers and paraprofessionals to the system during an orientation scheduled for July 25-28. Mill Creek High School will host new middle and high school teachers and paraprofessionals for a daylong session on Monday, July 25. Elementary school teachers and paraprofessionals will attend on Tuesday, July 26.

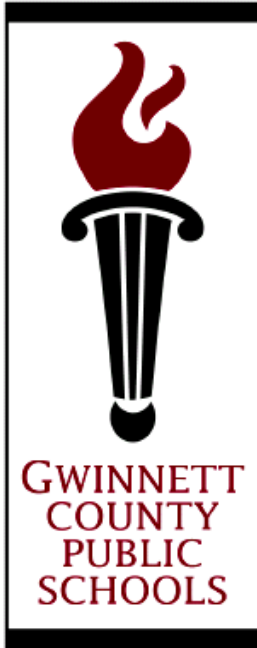
On Wednesday, July 27, and Thursday, July 28, attendees will participate in grade-level specific sessions to build on their base of knowledge in the classroom. Osborne Middle School will host the elementary-level sessions and Mill Creek High School will host the middle and high school-level sessions.

The initial day of the orientation will provide an overview of and welcome to the school system for teachers and paraprofessionals new this year and for those who came on board late last school year. They will learn about the district's curriculum, known as the Academic Knowledge and Skills or AKS, and the system's efforts to ensure students are learning the AKS. Other key pieces of the orientation are grade-level curriculum overviews and essential-topic sessions that include connecting with parents, professional ethics, classroom management, and mentor information.

Participants will spend the additional two orientation days learning about teaching tools and strategies to be successful in Gwinnett's classrooms. Topics for the small-group presentations range from continuous improvement strategies and conferencing skills to online resources and assessment data analysis.

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