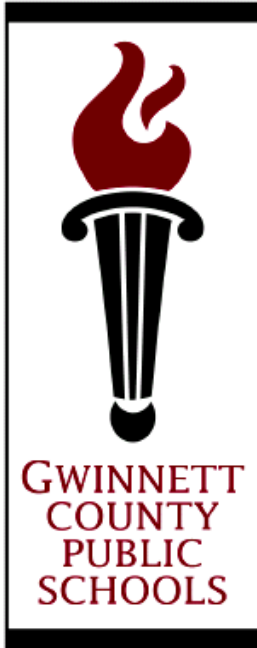


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Keeping up with system growth, GCPS hires additional staff

Staffing for the new school year is on track, with the system adding teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and other support staff for 2005-06. As of July 26, Gwinnett County Public Schools only had 16 regular education vacancies to fill prior to the start of school Aug. 8. The school system had 14 special education and speech language pathologist positions open as of that date. These numbers continue to change daily as new staff are processed and hired. In all, GCPS will hire more than 1,300 new teachers for the start of the school year. **Reporters doing stories on teacher hiring should call 770-822-6508 for updates.**

In other news about GCPS' teaching corps, a recent study of Gwinnett educators in 2004-05 showed that 99 percent of non-Title I teachers and 99 percent of the system's Title I teachers are "highly qualified" as defined by the state.

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