



McGINNIS WOODS

Country Day School

Fact Sheet 2009

Infants– 8th Grades

Number of Students: 500
Maximum Class Size: Infants-3s, varies according to age
 PreK4, PreK5, Kindergarten: 18; 1st: 20; 2nd - 8th Grade: 22
Target Teacher/Student Ratio: PreK4, PreK5, Kindergarten: 1:9 / 1st: 1:10 / 2nd – 8th: 1:11
Grades Offered: Infants– 8th Grade
School Hours: Infants-3s 6:30-6:30
 8:30-1:00 PreK4 & PreK 5
 8:30-3:00 K – 3
 8:30 – 3:30 Grades 4 – 8
Before/After School: 6:30a.m. – 6:30p.m.
Web site/Intranet: www.McGinnisWoods.org – open to the public.
 Secured private school intranet; each class has a class page.
Curriculum: Academically challenging curriculum varies with each grade; see curriculum brochures and course listings.
Special programs taught by Specialist Teachers: Art, Music, Band, Chorus, Spanish, Computer Lab, Library Skills, Health, Counseling/Character Education, Physical Education
Student Activities: School Safety Patrols, Student Council, School Newspaper, Beta Club
Technology: Computers in each classroom, wireless lab, white boards, In-house Broadcast System, computer lab with various software, internet access, Accelerated Reader and Math
School Events: Fall Festival, Family Thanksgiving Feast, Holiday Programs, Spring Carnival, Red Ribbon Week, Project Showcase, Science Fair, Awards Day, Parent Association meetings, Family Math and Science Nights
After School Extracurriculars: Piano, Tennis, Chess Club, Playball, Creative Movement and Dance, cheerleading, Teacher-led Discovery Clubs (basketball, science, art, cooking, drums, etc) and Intramural Sports Teams.
Teaching Staff: K – 8th Lead Teachers have Georgia teaching certification
 Assistant Teachers have 4-year college degrees.
Percentage with Advanced Degrees: 46% with Master's degree or higher; 5% currently pursuing Master's degree.
Educational Accreditation: GAC (Georgia Accrediting Commission), SACS (Southern Association of Colleges & Schools), NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)
Educational Associations: NCTM (Math), NTE (English), NSTA (Science), NAESP (Leadership), MTNA (Nursing), NEA (Art),ACA (Guidance/Counseling)
Standardized Tests: Stanford Testing given in Spring. This is a national test.
 2008 Test Scores:

Grade Tested	Reading	Math	Complete Battery**
1 st	3.0	3.0	3.1
2 nd	5.3	5.1	5.6
3 rd	5.7	6.7	6.7
4 th	6.7	7.3	8.2
5 th	8.3	10.2	9.9
6 th	8.2	11.8	9.2
7 th	6.4	7.3	7.8

(Results are grade equivalent scores)
 **Complete Battery includes: Language, Science, Social Studies, Spelling and problem solving skills.

Year founded: January 1999
Uniforms: Yes
Applications accepted: Year round, waiting list
Application/Registration Fee: \$110
Tuition: Infants-3s see website for current pricing
 PreK: \$7,935 annually/ \$725.00 monthly
 Grades K – 5: \$9,935 annually/ \$925.00 monthly
 Grades 6-8: \$10,685 annually/\$1,000.00 monthly

Why Choose McGinnis Woods Country Day School?

School Size – McGinnis Woods currently has about 300 students in the elementary grades. We are committed to having no more than 3 classes per grade level in order to maintain the small school size in which students prosper.

Class size – Our ratios are 9:1 for PreK4, PreK5 & Kindergarten (maximum 18), and 10:1 for 1st, and 11:1 for 2nd - 8th Grades (maximum 22). There are 2 degreed teachers in each classroom for *all* grades; the second teacher is a teacher and not a paraprofessional serving in an administrative role.

Accreditations – We hold the highest accreditations – SACS (Southern Association of Colleges & Schools) and GAC (GA Accreditation Commission), and the preschool is NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited.

Admissions – Student applications are evaluated to ensure student success at McGinnis Woods, both academically and socially. Our application process is designed to help us determine as much as possible about each child in order to facilitate the best possible educational and instructional program for all students. After we determine the suitability of the school to meet your child's needs, admission will be based on the availability of space. Among new applicants deemed qualified and admissible to the school, priority is given to siblings of currently enrolled students.

Tuition – Tuition can be paid monthly, bi-annually or annually.

Individualized Curriculum – We group students in each class by ability level for reading and math, so the curriculum is tailored to the needs of each student.

“Hands On” Curriculum with Monthly Field Trips – The curriculum is “hands-on” not worksheet-driven. Students enjoy field trips and in-house programs *monthly* to reinforce materials presented in the classroom. All field trips have several parent volunteers, and students travel on school-owned buses with seat belts. Field trips this year have included visits to Fernbank Museum of Natural History, High Museum, Zoo Atlanta, Elachee Nature Center, Atlanta History Center, Dialogue in the Dark, Fox Theatre, and the CDC, as well as in-house programs from Sawnee Power Town and High Touch/High Tech. 1st – 8th graders participate in an annual overnight field trip to places such as DeSoto Caverns, Elachee Nature Center, Space Camp in Huntsville, AL, and Zoo Atlanta.

Secured Intranet – McGinnis Woods Intranet Community is used by all students, teachers, parents, and administrators to facilitate communications through class pages, general information, student grades, calendar of events and much more.

Parent Involvement – Parents are welcome in the classroom at any time and are encouraged to share in the direction of the school. Parental views are considered when reviewing school policies and are not reliant on excessive layers of bureaucracy to initiate change. An active Parent Association (PA) is in place, and the PA administers a grant program providing funds for educational materials over and above what is provided by the school. An Annual Fund is also led by the Parent Association.

Foreign Language – We are committed to a strong multilingual education, and students are introduced to Spanish in the preschool programs. PreK4-8th grade students enjoy Spanish instruction 2 or 3 *times each week* with a specialist.

Character Education & School Counselor – McGinnis Woods has a school counselor who meets with students regularly and teaches our character education program. Monthly Character Education pep rallies are held to celebrate student achievements.

RN on Staff & Comprehensive Health Curriculum – We have a Registered Nurse on staff that administers all medicine and teaches a comprehensive health curriculum.

Community Service – Students participate in monthly community service projects such as North Fulton Charities, Lee Denim Day, and Pennies for Patients .

PreK5 Program Available – The PreK 5 program is designed for students who have completed the PreK4 program, but would benefit from a half-day program to strengthen their academic and/or social skills before Kindergarten.

After School Activities – Afterschool care is available until 6:30, and students have a variety of activities to participate in, including Discovery Clubs (ex: basketball, science, cooking, art, chess), private piano lessons, dance, soccer & tennis and Intramural Sports Teams.
