



<b>Number of Students:</b>	400
<b>Maximum Class Size:</b>	Infants-3s, varies according to age PreK4, PreK5: 18; Kindergarten: 20, 1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 22
<b>Target Teacher/Student Ratio:</b>	PreK4, PreK5: 1:9 / Kindergarten: 1:10 / 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> : 1:11
<b>Grades Offered:</b>	Infants– 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>School Hours:</b>	Infants-3s 6:30-6:30 8:30-1:30 PreK4 & PreK 5 8:30-3:00 K – 3 8:30 – 3:30 Grades 4 – 8
<b>Before/After School:</b>	6:30a.m. – 6:30p.m.
<b>Web site:</b>	www.McGinnisWoods.org Secured private school intranet; RenWeb: class pages and gradebooks
<b>Curriculum:</b>	Academically challenging curriculum varies with each grade; see curriculum brochures and course listings.
<b>Special programs taught by Specialist Teachers:</b>	Art, Music, Band, Spanish, Computer Lab, Library Skills, Health, Counseling/Character Education, Physical Education
<b>Student Activities: Technology:</b>	School Safety Patrols, Student Council, School Newspaper, Jr. Beta Club, Robotics, STEM Labs, Computers in each classroom, wireless labs, tablets, laptops, smart boards, In-house Broadcast System, class computer labs, Renaissance Accelerated Reader and Math, IXL, Pearson Writing
<b>School Events:</b>	Fall Festival, International Night, Family Thanksgiving Feasts, Chorus and Band Concerts, STEM Family Fun Night, Spring Carnival, Red Ribbon Week, Project Showcase, Science Fair, Awards Day, Parent Association Sponsored Events
<b>After School Extracurriculars:</b>	Private Music Lessons, Tennis, Chess Club, PLAYBALL, Creative Movement and Dance, Teacher-led Discovery Clubs (football, STEM Club, art, cheerleading, cooking), Science Olympiad, Oratorical Club, Robotics, Band Club, and Intramural Sports.
<b>Teaching Staff:</b>	K – 8th Lead Teachers hold teaching certificates
<b>Percentage with Advanced Degrees: Educational Accreditation:</b>	Assistant Teachers have 4-year college degrees, many are certified teachers 46% with Master’s degree or higher; 10% currently pursuing Master’s degree. GAC (Georgia Accrediting Commission), SACS (Southern Association of Colleges & Schools), NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)
<b>Educational Associations:</b>	GISA (Georgia Independent School Association), NCTM (Math), NTE (English), NSTA (Science), NAESP (Leadership), NEA (Art), ACA (Guidance/Counseling), ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum)
<b>Standardized Tests:</b>	<b>ERB</b> Comprehensive Testing Program Test given in spring. This is a national test.
<b>Year founded:</b>	January 1999
<b>Applications accepted:</b>	Year round, waiting list
<b>Application/Registration Fee:</b>	\$125
<b>Tuition:</b>	Infants-3s see website for current pricing PreK: \$9,450 annually/ \$825.00 monthly Grades K – 5: \$12,450 annually/ \$1,125.00 monthly Grades 6 -8: \$13,300 annually/ \$1,210.00 monthly

## Why Choose McGinnis Woods Country Day School?

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**School Size** – McGinnis Woods currently has 240 students in the elementary/middle 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 flourish.

**Class size** – Our ratios are 9:1 for PreK4, PreK5 (maximum 18), and 10:1 for Kindergarten (maximum 20), and 11:1 for 1st - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades (maximum 22). There are 2 degreed teachers in each classroom for *all* grades; the second teacher actively teaches and is not a paraprofessional serving in an administrative role.

**Accreditations** – We hold the highest accreditations – AdvancEd/SACS (Southern Association of Colleges & Schools) and GAC (Georgia 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.

**Differentiated 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, minds-on” and not solely textbook-driven; an emphasis is placed on STEM. Students enjoy field trips and in-house programs to reinforce materials presented in the classroom. Students travel on school-owned buses with seat belts. Field trips this year have included: Fernbank Museum of Natural History, High Museum, Zoo Atlanta, Elachee Nature Center, Atlanta History Center, Fox Theatre, and the GA Bar, as well as in-house programs from Sawnee Power Town and High Touch/High Tech. 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in an annual overnight field trip to places such as DeSoto Caverns, Nature's Classroom, Tennessee Aquarium, 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 gradebook, calendar of events and much more.

**Parent Involvement** – Parents are welcome in the classroom and are encouraged to share in the direction of the school. Parent feedback is considered when reviewing school policies and is not reliant on excessive layers of bureaucracy to initiate change. An active Parent Association (PA) is in place. The PA oversees the Activity Fund which has provided the school with the turf, broadcast system, Sport Court, Gym Floor, and the Teacher Grant program which supports unique classroom teaching tools.

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

**Character Education & School Counselor** – McGinnis Woods' teachers and school counselor have participated in the Positive Discipline Staff Development program and work together to teach the Core Essentials character education program weekly. Regular Character Education Pep Rallies are held to celebrate student achievements and the character trait of the month.

**Nurse on Staff & Comprehensive Health Curriculum** – We have a nurse on staff who administers medicine and teaches a comprehensive health curriculum.

**Community Service** – Students participate in community service projects such as North Fulton Community Charities, Denim Days, and 12x12 Love Project

**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 and/or students who are progressing at an advanced developmental pace.

**After School Activities** – Afterschool care is available until 6:30pm, and students have a variety of activities to participate in, including Discovery Clubs (ex: football, science, STEM, Robotics, Drama, cooking, art, chess), private music lessons, dance, Science Olympiad, Oratorical Club, soccer and tennis.

**Summer Camp Programs** – McGinnis Woods offers 10 or 11 weeks of Summer Camp each year. Campers enjoy captivating weekly themes and participate in daily activities based on the theme, including weekly field trips.