



McGINNIS WOODS  
School

**Fact Sheet 2020**  
Infants– 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

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<b>Number of Students:</b>	400
<b>Maximum Class Size:</b>	Infants-3s, varies according to age PreK4, PreK5: 18; K- 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 22
<b>Target Teacher/Student Ratio:</b>	PreK4, PreK5: 1:9 / Kindergarten – 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 – 4 8:30 – 3:30 Grades 5 – 8 6:30a.m. – 6:30p.m.
<b>Before/After School:</b>	
<b>Website and App:</b>	www.McGinnisWoods.org RenWeb and School App
<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, STEM
<b>Student Activities:</b>	School Safety Patrols, Student Council, Jr. Beta Club, Robotics, Debate, Cooking, STEM Club, Science Olympiad
<b>Technology:</b>	Innovation Lab, Prek – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade: class iPads, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade: 1 to 1 iPad tablet program, state of the art wifi, In-house Broadcast System, large tv displays in each classroom for interactive learning and content sharing, Renaissance Accelerated Reader and Math
<b>School Events:</b> Red Ribbon Week,	Fall Festival, International Day, Family Thanksgiving Feasts, Chorus and Band Concerts, STEM Family Fun Night, Spring Carnival, Project Showcase, Science and Technology Fairs, Awards Day, Parent Association Sponsored Events
<b>After School Extracurricular Programs:</b>	Private Music Lessons, Tennis, Chess Club, PLAYBALL, Creative Movement and Dance, Teacher-led Discovery Clubs (football, STEM Club, art, cheerleading, cooking), Science Olympiad, Debate Club, Robotics, Band Club, and Athletics.
<b>Teaching Staff:</b>	K – 8 <sup>th</sup> Lead Teachers hold teaching certificates, Assistant Teachers with varying backgrounds and degrees 56% with Master’s degree or higher.
<b>Educational Accreditation:</b>	GAC (Georgia Accrediting Commission), SACS/Cognia (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>	\$150
<b>Tuition:</b>	Infants-3s call for current pricing PreK – 8 <sup>th</sup> : varies, \$920– \$1,340



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## Why Choose McGinnis Woods Country Day School?

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**School Size** – McGinnis Woods currently has 200 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 11:1 for Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades (maximum 22). There are 2 teachers in classrooms based on ratios; the second teacher actively teaches and is not a paraprofessional serving in an administrative role.

**Accreditations** – We hold the highest accreditations – Cognia/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 Frequent 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 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, Zoo Atlanta and Washington, DC.

**Technology**– RenWeb is used by all students, teachers, parents, and administrators to facilitate communications through class pages, general information, and student gradebook. School App is key to communication.

**Parent Involvement** – Parents are welcome to attend field trips and assist in various ways throughout the school. Parent feedback is considered when reviewing school policies. An active Parent Association (PA) is in place. The PA oversees the Wildcat Fund which has provided the school with turf, broadcast system, Sport Court, Gym Floor, Computer Lab, Innovation Lab 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. Regular Character Education Pep Rallies are held to celebrate student achievements and the character trait of the month.

**Health Curriculum** – We teach a comprehensive health curriculum.

**Community Service** – Students participate in community service projects such as Meals by Grace, The Place of Forsyth County and Furr Kids.

**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 daily. 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, Debate, soccer and tennis. There are competitive Middle School sports for athletes in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Summer Camp Programs** – McGinnis Woods offers 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.

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