



MCGARITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT AT A GLANCE

McGarity Elementary Overview

McGarity Elementary, established in 1987 to serve the growing Hiram community, has a strong legacy of family, connection, and academic excellence. Named after educator and civic leader May Belle Hitchcock McGarity, the school continues her legacy by creating a supportive and engaging environment for all students. Generations of families have returned as parents, teachers, and visitors. As our community grows, our focus on student success, relationships, and meaningful learning remains strong. This document outlines the core beliefs and direction guiding our efforts to ensure every child is safe, supported, and empowered.

MISSION	VISION
At McGarity Elementary School we strive to: Master curriculum by Engaging students and Supporting all learners	McGarity Elementary's vision is to maintain a progressive, highly qualified faculty, committed to education that delivers a national curriculum while embracing change and diversity. We will engage students with a variety of innovative experiences and opportunities that ignite the desire to continue learning. We will maximize every student's strength and talents by working collaboratively with all stakeholders to overcome their challenges.
GOALS	
Increase the percentage of students that earn a 2, 3, or 4 achievement level on the ELA portion of the Georgia Milestones in grades 3 rd -5 th from 68% to 71% in the 2025-26 school year.	

Beliefs

At McGarity, we believe every student has the potential for greatness. Through meaningful learning, consistent effort, and strong relationships, we help them grow. We are committed to excellent teaching that supports academic success while building character, creativity, and confidence.

Education is a partnership, and by working with families and the community, we ensure McGarity remains a safe, inspiring, and empowering place for all students.

Demographics

McGarity Elementary serves around 535 students in grades K–5. Our diverse student body includes 16% Hispanic/Latino, 36% Black/African American, 39% White, 0.9% Asian, and 8% multiracial. Nearly 60% qualify for free or reduced lunch, 7% are English Language Learners, and 15% receive Special Education services. This diversity strengthens our community and drives our commitment to equity, inclusion, and supporting every child's academic and social success.

Honors/Awards/Certifications

- GaDOE STEM Certification SY 2022
- Cognia STEM Certification SY 2025
- PCSD Teaching & Learning Highlighter Award SY 2024
- 5-star CCRPI School Climate Rating SY 2024