

# HENRY COUNTY GEORGIA

## Lifestyle...Education

*Learning...  
Comfortably South of Atlanta*

A quality educational system is a key component of any community's "quality of life infrastructure", and that is certainly the case in Henry County. The Henry County School System is committed to continuously reviewing and strengthening their academic program. Goals include placing special emphasis on improving the use of instructional technology, improving student attendance, and challenging students to meet higher expectations, both in academic achievement and in demonstrating courteous, responsible behavior.



As a result of Henry County's incredible population growth – a true testimonial to the quality of education offered to children in Henry County and to the quality of life here – the Henry County School System is faced with the challenges of educating a student body that is growing at the rate of more than 2,500 new students each year...or at the rate of about two classrooms of new students *each week*. With a student population approaching 40,000 students enrolled in the 2007-2008 school year, the Henry County School System includes 43 schools: 26 elementary, nine middle, eight high schools, one alternative school, and one Evening Academy.



With 5,000 employees on the payroll, our school system is also considered the largest business in Henry. The Henry School System's "business" is about providing children with the skills and knowledge to compete in the 21st century; to this end, the School System is committed to recruiting and training top quality professional and support staff. All schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and "Accredited with Quality" by the Georgia Accrediting Commission. Sixty percent of Henry School System faculty have advanced degrees, and the average teacher has 12.3 years experience with T-4 Certificate.

Henry County provides its residents easy access to lifelong learning, as well. Mercer University's Regional Academic Center in McDonough offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees from one of the nation's top private colleges, while DeVry University offers technical certificates as well as undergraduate and graduate degrees at its Henry County location. Georgia State University has recently begun offering a Professional MBA in McDonough.



Clayton State University, an institution of the University System of Georgia, is located in neighboring Clayton County, but is steadily expanding its offering of undergraduate programs of study in Henry County. Griffin Technical College, located in neighboring Spalding County, is a unit of the Georgia Department of Technical & Adult Education and offers a wide range of technical certificates, diplomas and associates degrees.