

History of

Monarch School

Monarch School was formed on May 13, 2004, and welcomed its first students in August of that same year. Monarch staff *transformed* the former Duluth Middle School building into a school that now houses Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) Early Childhood Program (ECP), formerly housed at Buchanan High School of Technology.

Monarch School is a unique special entity within Gwinnett County Public Schools. There are several programs and departments housed at Monarch in addition to the Early Childhood Program. The Georgia Pre-K/Head Start program, the Assisting Developing Adults with Productive Transitions Program (ADAPT), the ECP Assessment Team, the countywide Assistive Technology Department, and the Woodshop also are located at Monarch.

ECP provides early learning to special needs students ages 3, 4, and non-kindergarten age 5. They are taught in an environment designed to meet diverse needs. ADAPT is a life-skills program that serves young adults ages 18–22 with special needs who have graduated high school and who are continuing their post-high school training. The Pre-K/Head Start program at Monarch is one of 20 north Georgia programs operated by Ninth

FAST FACTS

Address: 3057 Main Street

Duluth, Georgia 30096

The following have served as principals of Monarch School:

2004–Present Dr. Barbara A. Martin

School Colors: Purple and Gold

School Mascot: Butterfly

District Opportunity, a private non-profit community action agency. Members of the Assessment Team provide comprehensive evaluations for young children to determine if they qualify for special education services. The Assistive Technology department provides technology assistance for teaching and learning throughout the county. The Woodshop designs and builds special needs equipment requested by the occupational and physical therapist for GCPS students. This equipment is not readily available for purchase. Repair and maintenance of special needs equipment is also done in the Woodshop at Monarch.

