



East Forsyth High School

8910 Jot Em Down Road, Gainesville 30506

Opening August 2021

East Forsyth HS (EFHS) will be Forsyth County Schools' 7th traditional high school. It is on an 89.47-acre tract and is similar in design to Denmark HS. EFHS, as constructed, can accommodate 2,125 students and is designed for a future addition, similar to how Lambert HS and West Forsyth HS were built, to eventually house 2,475 students. Jeff Cheney will serve as principal, effective July 1, 2020. He has served as a principal at North Forsyth HS, South Forsyth HS and Oglethorpe MS (Savannah).

The land for EFHS was purchased in 2007 using SPLOST III/2006 Bond funds. The name was selected that same year by the Forsyth County Board of Education after conducting an online community survey. Originally projected to open in 2011, after the Great Recession (2007-09) and subsequent recovery, EFHS construction funding was not secured until the 2017 Bond. In 2018, the architect was approved, and the school colors and mascot were selected by the 6 traditional high school principals, the Alliance Academy principal and the Academies of Creative Education (ACE) principal. This was the same process that was used for Denmark HS, from planning in 2015, with the school opening in 2018. EFHS' primary school colors are blue and orange, with gray as an accent. The mascot is the broncos.

The school will have the full range of academic and athletic programs as existing traditional high schools and is projected to provide a career development focus referred to as "HGTV", to include Family and Consumers Sciences – Interior Design, Marketing- Fashion Design Lab, Drafting and Design Lab, Multi-Purpose Engineering Lab, Construction Lab, including Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Masonry and Welding trades, Full Audio/Video Production Lab, and Early Childhood Education, which will complement Teaching as a Profession Pathways. Preliminary plans are to have the students, under teacher supervision, operate a small onsite childcare center. More details regarding this program will be provided closer to the school's opening. Career development offerings in the field of education allow Forsyth County Schools to grow future employees, which is very important as the largest employer in the county and 7th largest of 180 school districts in Georgia.

Traditionally, Forsyth County Schools redistrict one year prior to a new school's opening; redistricting for EFHS will occur fall, 2020. The district has not had discussions at this time on any specifics for attendance lines. However, the school is projected to primarily relieve North Forsyth and Forsyth Central high schools. EFHS is projected to open with grades 9-11 and have a similar starting enrollment as Denmark HS. Sketch plats, architectural renderings for future schools and a map of current and future schools are available at forsyth.k12.ga.us/future.