

Poole's Mill Elementary School
7110 Heardsville Road, Cumming, Georgia 30028
Opening August 2020

With land purchased in 2005 on Heardsville Road, Poole's Mill Elementary School (PMES) construction was delayed because of the Great Recession (2007-09) and subsequent recovery. PMES construction funding was secured in the 2017 Bond.

Scheduled to open in August 2020 with grades K-5, Poole's Mill will have the capacity for 1,125 students. Ms. Paige Andrews is the principal. PMES will be the district's 22nd elementary school. School colors are yellow, blue and grey and the mascot is the pirates.

PMES is named after the National Historic Registered Poole's Mill, which is named for the third owner of the mill, Dr. M.L. Pool (b. 1825 d. 1895). Dr. Pool added a cotton gin to this land site, which also contained a bridge on Settendown Creek. The foundation stones are the only remains of the mill; the covered bridge has been rebuilt and the site is now a park. Later generations added an "e" to the end of the name Pool, therefore the school name matches the spelling of the existing road, park, bridge and historic site.

The building design is the district's one-story prototype, used most recently for Brandywine ES (2016). This adaptation was inspired by the historic Poole's Mill Covered Bridge, located in Poole's Mill Park. Elements from the wooden lattice truss bridge are incorporated into the school's exterior canopies and lobby with exposed trusses and stone columns resembling bridge support piers. The bridge theme continues throughout the school's interior with flooring in a cross-beam pattern similar to the bridge's deck, while the school's entrance has a wall-mounted replica of the historic water wheel.

Traditionally, Forsyth County Schools redistrict one year prior to a new school's opening, therefore redistricting will occur fall 2019. The redistricting will potentially impact, but will not be limited to, Sawnee, Matt, Kelly Mill, Silver City and Coal Mountain elementary schools. Sketch plats, architectural renderings for future schools and a map of current and future schools are available at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/future.