



ABOUT

McEachern High School in Powder Springs continues with real momentum: a Class of 2026 graduation rate of 90.7% and new leadership in Principal Dr. Krystal Wattley, a 25-year Cobb educator and former McEachern assistant principal. Indians athletics returned to the statewide spotlight — football earned its highest AJC ranking since 2019, and boys basketball reached the state semifinals. Meanwhile, historic Cantrell Stadium is being rebuilt through a \$16 million project backed by both the district and the school's own endowment.

MISSION

High Levels of Learning For All

VISION

Where innovative people strive for excellence as they embrace our diverse world



RIISING ACADEMICS

McEachern's Class of 2026 four-year graduation rate reached 90.7% as Cobb Schools posted an all-time-high district rate of 90.9%.



FUTURE-READY PATHWAYS

McEachern's career and technical offerings span Automotive and Transportation, Audio Video Technology, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Law & Justice, Marketing, Business & Technology, Engineering, Graphic Design, and Navy JROTC — including a Medicine and Healthcare pathway run in partnership with Chattahoochee Technical College.



COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS

McEachern football debuted at #6 in the AJC's Class 6A rankings in August 2025 — its highest ranking since a 2019 state quarterfinal run — after wins over Walton and North Cobb. Boys basketball reached the 2026 state semifinal, falling narrowly to eventual champion Wheeler.



A LANDMARK FACILITY

Cantrell Stadium, privately endowed and one of the largest on-campus high school stadiums in Georgia, is being rebuilt through a \$16 million project — with Cobb County Schools committing \$8.4 million and the McEachern Endowment Fund covering \$7.5 million.

The Parent Perspective

"There is a pride at McEachern you can feel at every game and every concert. My son found his people here."

The Student Experience

"There is an energy at McEachern right now. You can feel the school leveling up, and everybody wants to be part of it."



A ninety percent graduation rate, a region basketball title, and a rebuilt Cantrell Stadium on the way: **McEachern's momentum is real, and our students earned every bit of it.**



Dr. Krystal Wattley, Principal



BY THE NUMBERS

990 average SAT — 2024-25 school average.

90.7% graduation rate — Class of 2026.

#6 in Class 6A — football's AJC ranking debut in August 2025, its highest since 2019.

\$16 million Cantrell Stadium rebuild — \$8.4 million from Cobb County Schools, \$7.5 million from the McEachern Endowment Fund, targeted for completion in August 2027.

State semifinal run — boys basketball fell 56–52 to eventual champion Wheeler on March 7, 2026.

35% AP participation rate (U.S. News, 2026-27 cycle).

Undefeated state champions — flag football finished 29-0 to win the GHSA Division 4 title in 2024.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Football's Best Ranking Since 2019: McEachern entered the AJC Class 6A rankings at #6 in August 2025 after beating Walton 50–17 and North Cobb 21–0.

Back-to-Back on the Track: The girls' 4x400-meter relay team won GHSA Class 6A state championships in back-to-back seasons, repeating in 2025.

Hall of Fame Coach: Phil Hoskins was inducted into the Georgia Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2026. (School announcement, Jan. 27, 2026)

Congressional Art Winner: Andrea Rodriguez earned first place in the 2025 Sixth District Congressional Art Competition with her piece "Lollipop."

Cantrell Stadium Rebuild Funded: Cobb County Schools approved \$8.4 million toward the \$16 million rebuild in June 2026, continuing the stadium's legacy as a premier Georgia venue and past host of GHSA soccer finals.

New Principal: Dr. Krystal Wattley, a 25-year Cobb educator and former McEachern assistant principal, took the helm for 2025–26.

Boys Basketball State Semifinal: Advanced to the 2026 semifinal before a narrow 56–52 loss to eventual state champion Wheeler.

Undefeated Flag Football Champions: McEachern went 29-0 to win the GHSA Division 4 state championship in 2024. When every Cobb school moved into the new Division 5 for 2025, McEachern returned to the title game and lost 14-13 to Pope at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Region Champions in Boys Basketball: McEachern won its region title with a 78-63 win over Hillgrove on February 19, 2026, then advanced to the state semifinal.

Coach Freeze: Nigel Talton, the original "Freeze" from the Atlanta Braves' Beat the Freeze promotion from 2017 to 2021, works at McEachern as a paraprofessional, supporting special education students, and coaches flag football and track.

ED-SPLOST Thanks to community support through Ed-SPLOST, McEachern's stadium is being transformed: new home grandstands, concessions, restrooms, and a team room are under construction, with the visitor side refurbished. Tennis court resurfacing is underway, the main gym bleachers are new, and campus renovations are planned for doors, windows, theater and fine arts HVAC, and restrooms.

- **STADIUM TRANSFORMATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION**
- **MAIN GYM BLEACHERS REPLACED**
- **CAMPUS RENOVATIONS PLANNED**

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