



A. R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet High School

For nearly 50 years, in the heart of the historic downtown district of Augusta, Georgia stands an institution of learning – A. R. Johnson, named after the well-known educator, Augustus Roberson Johnson. The current site was originally Mauge Street Grammar School erected in 1892. In 1937 it became A. R. Johnson Junior High School and was coeducational. From 1945 - 1949 it served as a senior high school and in 1956 a new building was erected and Johnson again served as a junior high school. A. R. Johnson Health Professions High School was established during the 1980-81 school year as a pilot program using federal government funds from a Magnet Implementation/Planning Grant. With an initial enrollment of ninety-seven (97) students and thirteen (13) teachers, the school opened in September of 1980, having been renovated to meet the basic needs of our magnet program.

In 1984 the feasibility of adding an engineering program at A. R. Johnson was studied and in 1985 the engineering program was introduced, increasing program diversity and interest in the school.

A. R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet High School has been fully accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1984.

A. R. Johnson received the 2003 National Blue Ribbon School Award, 2005 Georgia Student Achievement Platinum Award, 2006 Georgia Student Achievement Platinum Award, 2007 Georgia Student Achievement Platinum Award, and 2006 Georgia School of Excellence Student Achievement Award.

In August of 2009, the first class of middle school students were accepted to A. R. Johnson, and in August of 2015 we welcomed our first set of sixth graders.