

Georgia Power helps bring The First Tee to Columbia, McDuffie and Clayton County elementary schools

Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 – Columbia, McDuffie and Clayton counties are the latest school systems in the state to implement The First Tee National School Program within their elementary schools' physical education instruction with the help of Georgia Power.

The three school systems join a growing list of more than 200 elementary schools in Georgia that have implemented the program with the support of Georgia Power through an extension of Southern Company's long-standing relationship with the PGA TOUR.

The First Tee National School Program helps students develop an appreciation for the positive personal and social values associated with golf and allows students to engage in safe, fun activities that lead to motor-skill development while gaining an introduction to a lifelong recreation and health-enhanced activity.



"We believe that when education is a diverse process it better prepares students for academic success and empowers them to compete in a global society," said Clayton County Public Schools Superintendent Luvenia Jackson. "We are extremely grateful to Georgia Power and The First Tee National School Program for allowing us this opportunity to enhance the education process for our students by providing them different avenues of learning that encourage positive behavior and teaches social skills."

Physical education teachers from all 37 elementary schools in Clayton County Public Schools and 22 elementary schools in Columbia and McDuffie counties recently participated in professional development sessions to learn how to integrate the character education and health lessons along with basic golf instruction.

With the addition of three counties, The First Tee program is now being delivered in 244 elementary schools in Georgia, which impacts more than 100,000 students.