



## School: 'Very smooth first day'

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Kendrick sweatshirt with a matching gold skirt.

"This has been a very smooth first day," Jackson said calmly as she strolled the hallways. "We are so very pleased." Student De'Angelo Jackson said she is pleased to be attending Kendrick, finally.

"I like the teachers here," said De'Angelo, who attended Mundy's Mill last year. "Everything here is nice."

Students have attended classes since August at Pointe South Middle School, Mundy's Mill Middle School and Riverdale Middle School.

The students now have new classmates and new teachers at Kendrick. However, there will be minimal interruption in the learning process, science teacher Tammy Brooks said.

"All the science teachers got together and set a stopping point, so we will all be able to pick right up."

Photo by Wayne Parham

Seventh-grader Sabrina Brown walks from the bus Wednesday to Kendrick Middle School on the first day of classes at the new school.

# Kendrick kicks off first day of classes

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Seventh-grade cheerleader Jamille Dorsey donned her Carrie D. Kendrick Middle School sweatshirt Wednesday, the first day of class.

The school has been more of an idea than an actual place for the past 12 weeks of school. But Wednesday morning, after months of delays, the Jonesboro school at last opened its doors for classes.

Jamille and her 850 fellow students filled

wide hallways with digital clocks and the bright, open media center.

"(Kendrick) is big and different," said Jamille, who wears round glasses and giggles a lot. She sat at a large, black lab desk in her science classroom.

"I was excited to leave (Pointe South Middle School) because I wanted to be in my own school and do my own things," Jamille said.

Many other students and teachers dressed in Kendrick polo shirts and sweatshirts. Even principal Luvenia Jackson showed her school spirit by modeling a navy and gold