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18 Gwinnett schools recognized for student achievement

A total of 18 Gwinnett County schools were recognized today by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, in collaboration with the Governor's Office, and the Georgia Department of Education, for improving and promoting excellence in student academic achievement. The recognition is part of the Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS), which recognizes Georgia schools for their continuous improvement in raising student achievement and closing achievement gaps.

The number of Gwinnett schools on this year's list is evidence of the teaching and learning that takes place in Gwinnett's classrooms. "Our teachers and administrators are focused on helping each student achieve Gwinnett's rigorous and challenging Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum standards." says **Dr. Cindy Loe**, associate superintendent of teaching and learning. "This commitment to high expectations for all students has resulted in greater achievement and a narrowing of the achievement gap. Gwinnett students can be confident that by mastering Gwinnett's AKS, they will be prepared to meet and exceed the state's testing goals, and compete with the best and brightest students from around the world."

The state recognizes schools in two categories: 1) Highest Performance, indicating the percentage of students meeting and exceeding academic standards; and 2) Greatest Gains, indicating the greatest gain in percentage of students meeting and exceeding academic standards. In each category, there are four school award levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

The Gwinnett schools recognized this year are:

Highest Performance

Platinum

Simpson Elementary

Gold

Parsons Elementary
Riverside Elementary
Alton C. Crews Middle
Brookwood High

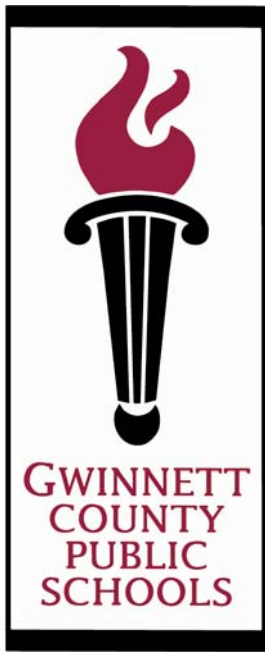
Silver

Camp Creek Elementary
Duncan Creek Elementary
Freeman's Mill Elementary
R.D. Head Elementary
Frank N. Osborne Middle

Bronze

Brookwood Elementary
Suwanee Elementary
Collins Hill High
North Gwinnett High
Parkview High

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not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex,
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Greatest Gain

Platinum

J.P. McConnell Middle

Gold

Annistown Elementary

Silver

Simonton Elementary

These 18 award-winning schools will receive certificates and banners from the state based on the school's profile.

For more information regarding the SSAS, contact the Governor's Office of Student Achievement at (404) 463-1150 or visit www.gaosa.org