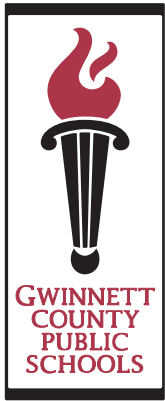


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Collins Hill HS students master the German language

Three **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students earned Georgia's highest scores on the 2012 National German Exam, a tool administered annually across the nation to assess the students' acquisition of the German language. Out of test-takers in Georgia, the following Gwinnett students outperformed their peers:

1st Place on National German Exam:

- **Jennifer Shaffer**
Jennifer, a rising 12th grader, earned Georgia's top score on the Level 3 National German Exam. Taught by Collins Hill High foreign language teacher **Jennifer Haney**, Shaffer has been enrolled in German for several years. She most recently took Honors German III.

2nd Place on National German Exam:

- **Garrett Helmick**
As a 10th grader, Garrett took the Level 2 National German Exam earning 2nd place in Georgia. This past year he took German II, taught by Collins Hill High foreign language teacher **Jill Tweety**.
- **Aaron Krask**
Aaron's score on the Level 3 National German Exam ranked him 2nd in Georgia. This rising 12th grader, also was in Ms. Haney's German Honors III class at Collins Hill High.

Jennifer, Garrett, and Aaron will be recognized at the June 21 meeting of the Gwinnett County Board of Education. In addition to the top scores from these three students, 34 other GCPS students scored at or above the 90th percentile, with 26 additional students scoring between the 85th-89th percentile.

The National German Exam is administered by the American Association of Teachers of German. Students participate in foreign language exams as a means to demonstrate their achievement in mastering that language, as well as to stimulate their further interest in the subject.

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