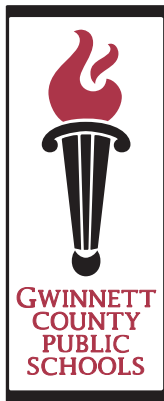


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10 GCPS students earn top scores on National Spanish Exam

The **Gwinnett County Board of Education** will honor 10 Gwinnett students during its monthly Board meeting in June for their accomplishment on the 2012 National Spanish Exam. The Board members will salute four students who earned first place in Georgia, and six others who ranked second statewide on this national exam that assesses foreign language proficiency.

The state's top performers from Gwinnett are:

1st place on National Spanish Exam:

- ***Camila Diaz Borquez** – a 9th grader from Parkview High
Teacher: Javier Venegas
Level 2 National Spanish Exam
- **Sam Helmey** – a 12th grader from Parkview High
Teacher: Becky Munro
Level 3 National Spanish Exam
- **Tami Feng** – a 12th grader from Parkview High
Teacher: Becky Munro
Level 3 National Spanish Exam
- ***David Velez Arce** – an 11th grader from Archer High
Teacher: Joshua McIntyre
Level 6 National Spanish Exam

*(*Camila and David took the exam in the Bilingual Category while the other students participated in the Regular Category)*

2nd place on National Spanish Exam:

- **Karl Broughton** – an 11th grader from Parkview High
Teacher: Becky Munro
Level 3 National Spanish Exam
- **Allison Fisher** – an 11th grader from Norcross High
Teacher: Robyn Eder
Level 4 National Spanish Exam
- **Robert Hensey** – an 11th grader from Norcross High
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- **Shushmita Hoque** – a 12th grader from Brookwood High
Teacher: Mary Meyer
Level 4 National Spanish Exam
- **Radha Patel** – a 12th grader from Brookwood High
Teacher: Andrea Ryles
Level 5 National Spanish Exam
- **Clara Wang** – a 9th grader from Norcross High
Teacher: Iris Mendoza
Level 2 National Spanish Exam

These ten students will be recognized by the Gwinnett County Board of Education at their next meeting on June 21. In addition to these top performers, the scores of another 28 foreign language students placed them among the top 10. Students who placed 1st through 6th in the state received medals and certificates from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), which sponsors the National Spanish Exam. All participating students also received a dictionary from Teacher's Discovery.