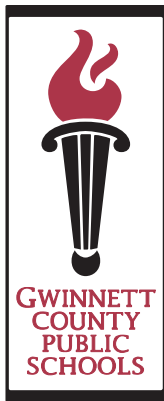


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## **33 GCPS schools make DOE's Title I Distinguished list**

State Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Barge recently announced Georgia's 2012 Title I Distinguished Schools. Of the 824 schools from around Georgia honored, 33 of those serve children in Gwinnett County. The recognition speaks of the work that **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) teachers do every day to make sure that all Gwinnett students are receiving a quality education.

A Title I school earns the title of "Distinguished School" for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) for three or more consecutive years. Title I schools receive federal funds to better serve their students, which include a higher percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunch. In recognizing these schools for their efforts, Dr. Barge said, "These schools are showing that high expectations, coupled with effective educators in the building, produce outstanding student achievement." Dr. Barge applauded the gains students in these schools are making despite the increase in standards according to No Child Left Behind. "With the academic bar increasing each year, it is not easy to continue making AYP. These 824 schools have proven that it can be done even when there are challenges," Superintendent Barge stated.

**Dr. Steve Flynt**, Gwinnett's associate superintendent for school leadership and operational support, echoes that sentiment. He shares, "We are pleased that the Georgia DOE is recognizing a large number of Gwinnett schools. Our teachers and administrators work very hard every day to make sure students are meeting the rising expectations. We are proud of their academic achievement despite the challenges."

Along with the "Distinguished School" title, two Gwinnett schools received a monetary award in recognition of eight years as a Title I Distinguished School and ten consecutive years of making AYP.

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The following Gwinnett schools made this year's Georgia Title I Distinguished School list.

<b>Gwinnett's 33 "Distinguished Title I Schools"</b>		
<b>Ten consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
School	Years as a Title I Distinguished School	Award
Annistown Elementary	8	\$1,530
Kanoheda Elementary	8	\$14,416
<b>Nine consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
Bethesda Elementary	7	Certificate
Britt Elementary	7	Certificate
Cedar Hill Elementary	7	Certificate
Harris Elementary	7	Certificate
Knight Elementary	7	Certificate
Magill Elementary	7	Certificate
Nesbit Elementary	7	Certificate
Norcross Elementary	7	Certificate
Norton Elementary	7	Certificate
Partee Elementary	7	Certificate
Shiloh Elementary	7	Certificate
<b>Eight consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
School	Years as a Title I Distinguished School	Award
Alford Elementary	6	Certificate
Corley Elementary	6	Certificate
Meadowcreek Elementary	6	Certificate
Minor Elementary	6	Certificate
Rockbridge Elementary	6	Certificate
Sycamore Elementary	6	Certificate
<b>Seven consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
Alcova Elementary	5	Certificate
Beaver Ridge Elementary	5	Certificate
Centerville Elementary	5	Certificate
Chesney Elementary	5	Certificate
Winn Holt Elementary	5	Certificate
<b>Six consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
Simonton Elementary	4	Certificate
<b>Five consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
Benefield Elementary	3	Certificate
Lawrenceville Elementary	3	Certificate
Stripling Elementary	3	Certificate
Shiloh Middle	3	Certificate
<b>Four consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
Lovin Elementary	2	Certificate
Shiloh High	2	Certificate
<b>Three consecutive years of making AYP</b>		
Rosebud Elementary	1	Certificate
Richards Middle	1	Certificate

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All 33 “Title I Distinguished Schools” will be recognized by the Gwinnett County Board of Education at a future meeting at the Instructional Support Center in Suwanee.

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