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## **Gwinnett's Lewis: Ga.'s social studies educator of year**

The Georgia Council for Social Studies recently selected a **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) educator for the state's top social studies honor. **Mindy Lewis**, the school district's social studies content assessment specialist, was honored as the 2010 Georgia Outstanding Social Studies Educator of the Year. As the recipient, the Council recognizes Ms. Lewis for her contributions in the teaching of social studies.

As the Council considered Ms. Lewis for the top honor, it took notice of her work promoting social studies education with activities that demonstrate significant service and foster the development of democratic values and citizenship in the classroom, school, and community. The Council also took note of her professional involvement beyond the normal job requirements, efforts toward the improvement of student learning, use of multiple sources to enhance social studies instruction, and professional publication and/or conference or workshop presentations. These were qualities easily found in Ms. Lewis' work as she has been active in many of the school system's social studies initiatives. These activities include building literacy in social studies, as well as participating in the adoption of instructional materials. Ms. Lewis also has contributed to other initiatives such as Project Citizen, the Georgia Economic History Project, the curriculum review process, and sequential lesson plans. She also serves as a trainer for the Center for Civic Education.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Lewis was the social studies instructional coach and an 8th grade social studies teacher at Crews Middle. She joined Gwinnett County Public Schools in 2000. Ms. Lewis holds three degrees in middle grades education. She earned her bachelor's degree from UGA, a master's degree from the State University of West Georgia, and a specialist's degree from Georgia Southwestern State University. She also has been recognized as a Georgia Department of Education Master Teacher.

The Georgia Council for Social Studies was established in 1981.

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