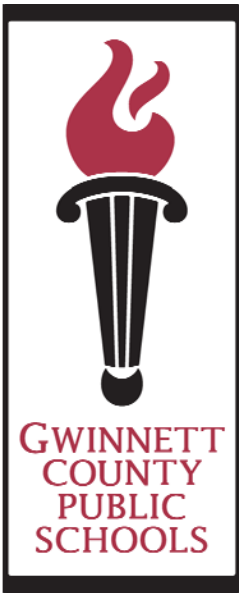


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Nine Gwinnett schools earn Distinguished Achievement Awards

Nine Gwinnett County schools made the honor roll today as they were highlighted by State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox as schools that lead the state in student achievement and improvement. Gwinnett's **Simpson Elementary; Alton C. Crews Middle; Glenn C. Jones Middle; Frank N. Osborne Middle; Brookwood High; Buchanan High-Gwinnett County Online Campus; Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology; GIVE Center East; and GIVE Center West** are among a group of Georgia schools honored in the inaugural year of the Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards. The program honors schools that are having the highest achievement and making the greatest gains on state assessments.

Dr. Steve Flynt, chief academic officer, praised the efforts of the honored schools. "As a district, we are very proud of these schools and their records of achievement and dedication to improvement. While a number of these schools have earned recognition over the years for sustaining high achievement levels, others are relative newcomers to this type of recognition ... serving as a testament to the fine teaching and learning found in schools throughout Gwinnett County and our dedication to challenging all students to higher levels of achievement."

The schools are recognized in two different categories. Schools honored for *improvement* are those ten schools in each honored subject area and grade that had the greatest improvement in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards. Schools recognized for *achievement* are those schools in each honored subject area and grade that had the highest percentage of students score in the exceeds category.

The nine Gwinnett schools were recognized as follows:

Simpson Elementary (based on CRCT results):

- 1st grade *achievement* in reading, 77.6% exceeded the standard
- 1st grade *achievement* in mathematics, 76.1% exceeded the standard
- 3rd grade *achievement* in reading, 77.9 % exceeded the standard
- 3rd grade *achievement* in mathematics, 79.3% exceeded the standard
- 4th grade *achievement* in reading, 75.3% exceeded the standard
- 4th grade *achievement* in mathematics, 64.0% exceeded the standard
- 4th grade *achievement* in social studies, 80.9% exceeded the standard

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Alton C. Crews Middle (based on CRCT results):

-6th grade *achievement* in English Language Arts, 58.0% exceeded the standard
-6th grade *achievement* in mathematics, 42.6% exceeded the standard
-6th grade *achievement* in science, 33.6% exceeded the standard
-7th grade *achievement* in reading, 39.0% exceeded the standard
-7th grade *achievement* in mathematics, 65.4% exceeded the standard
-7th grade *achievement* in science, 65.8% exceeded the standard
-8th grade *achievement* in reading, 51.7% exceeded the standard
-8th grade *achievement* in science, 37.2% exceeded the standard
-8th grade *achievement* in social studies, 39.2% exceeded the standard

Glenn C. Jones Middle (based on CRCT results):

-8th grade *achievement* in mathematics, 51.1% exceeded the standard

Frank N. Osborne Middle (based on CRCT results):

-6th grade *achievement* in science, 35.2% exceeded the standard
-7th grade *achievement* in science, 59.5% exceeded the standard
-8th grade *achievement* in social studies, 40.6% exceeded the standard

Brookwood High (based on GHSGT):

-*Achievement* in science, 79.38% in advanced and honors

Buchanan High-Gwinnett County Online Campus (based on End of Course Tests):

-*Achievement* in U.S. History, 52.4 exceeded the standard

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (based on End of Course Tests):

-*Achievement* in Geometry, 89.7% exceeded the standard
-*Achievement* in 9th grade literature, 76.7% exceeded the standard

GIVE Center East (based on CRCT):

-7th grade *improvement* in reading

GIVE Center West (based on CRCT):

-6th grade *improvement* in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the standards in English Language Arts.