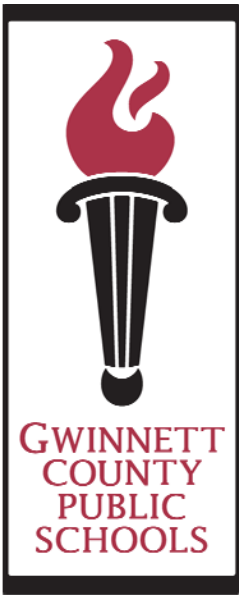


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Georgia DOE names 22 Gwinnett schools as “Georgia Title I Distinguished Schools”

The efforts of **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) to meet the state’s academic standards have earned 22 of its schools the “Georgia Title I Distinguished Schools” honor. The Georgia Department of Education recognizes Title I schools that excel in meeting achievement standards.

Title I schools receive federal funds to better serve their students, which include a higher percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunch. A Title I school earns the title “Distinguished” for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) for three or more consecutive years.

This year, Gwinnett’s number of Georgia Title I Distinguished Schools increased from 17 to 22. These honored schools include:

Seven consecutive years of making AYP:

1. Annistown Elementary
2. G.H. Hopkins Elementary
3. Kanoheda Elementary

Six consecutive years of making AYP:

4. Bethesda Elementary
5. W.C. Britt Elementary
6. Cedar Hill Elementary
7. Lilburn Elementary
8. Nesbit Elementary
9. Norcross Elementary
10. R.L. Norton Elementary
11. Henry Partee Elementary
12. Peachtree Elementary

Five consecutive years of making AYP:

13. J.A. Alford Elementary
13. Corley Elementary
15. Meadowcreek Elementary
16. Rebecca Minor Elementary
17. Rockbridge Elementary

Four consecutive years of making AYP:

18. Beaver Ridge Elementary
19. Charles Brant Chesney Elementary
20. Centerville Elementary
21. Margaret Winn Holt Elementary

Three consecutive years of making AYP:

22. Simonton Elementary

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“Gwinnett County Public Schools has an exemplary Title I program as evidenced by the number of schools that continue to earn recognition as “distinguished” schools,” says **Dr. Steve Flynt**, chief academic officer. “Our teachers and staff work diligently to ensure that all children have access to quality instruction and resources that enable them to meet and exceed state academic standards. They also are committed to involving parents in student success as evidenced by the parent centers and parent outreach initiatives. This recognition is one that our schools, as well as our entire community can celebrate.”

All 22 of Gwinnett’s “Title I Distinguished Schools” will be recognized by the Gwinnett County Board of Education at its regular meeting on Thursday, October 9, at the Instructional Support Center in Suwanee.

For more information about Gwinnett’s Title I schools, contact Carol Grady, director of Federal and Special Programs, at (678) 301-7060.