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"Being named a School of Excellence is a huge affirmation of the good work that teachers and students do every day. It gives us the impetus to build on our success and believe that we can achieve anything. It has also excited our community. Teachers, parents, students and community members talk about the great things we accomplish and now use the word 'excellence' like a mantra."

Bruce Roaden
Renfroe Middle School
 City Schools of Decatur
 2009 Georgia School of Excellence



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The Georgia Schools of Excellence in Student Achievement Program honors schools from each of the state's 13 congressional districts. Elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement are awarded this distinction. These schools are honored at a recognition banquet in Atlanta and serve as models for other schools throughout the state.



NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. As national role models, these schools are also recognized at the state recognition banquet in Atlanta. These schools also represent Georgia at a ceremony in Washington, DC.



"The National Blue Ribbon award has made the students, staff and parents stand taller, smile bigger, and have more confidence in what we can do now and in the future. Honey Creek Elementary is a family community that respects, encourages, and supports each other as we prepare students to be successful."

Dr. Carolyn W. Ormsby
Honey Creek Elementary
 Rockdale County Schools
 2009 National Blue Ribbon School



GEORGIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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The Georgia Teacher of the Year (GTOY) Program strives to promote and retain quality teachers. Teachers from every school system are honored at a state recognition banquet each spring. Ten finalists are highlighted and presented with gifts from sponsors. In a surprise announcement, the GTOY is named at the conclusion of the ceremony. The GTOY serves as an ambassador for education, traveling the state speaking to various educators and community groups. The GTOY also competes in the National Teacher of the Year Program, representing Georgia at several national conferences with other state teachers of the year.



"The Teacher of the Year Program impacts every school and teacher in the state. As I visit schools, I learn new teaching strategies and share these ideas with teachers all over the state. The program is also a primary means of encouraging teachers whose job it is to shape the lives of our future citizens."

Gwen Desselle

2010 Georgia Teacher of the Year
from Colquitt County High School

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TIMELINE



September 2009

National Blue Ribbon Schools Announced*



November 2009

Georgia Schools of Excellence Announced*



December 7, 2009

Applications from District Teachers of the Year due to the Georgia Department of Education

February 5, 2010

Recognition Banquet
for 2009 Georgia Schools of Excellence
and 2009 National Blue Ribbon Schools

February 2010

10 Finalists
for Teacher of the Year Announced

May 14, 2010

Teacher of the Year Banquet
2011 Georgia Teacher of the Year Announced

*No application is necessary since schools are selected based on testing data.

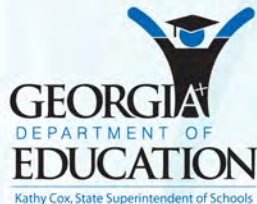
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