



# Muscogee County School District

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Some NI Schools Make AYP and Graduation Rate Continues to Increase

**(Columbus, GA)**-The final 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report is in, and while there are many reasons to celebrate, there is still room for improvement. There are ten (10) schools in the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) in Needs Improvement (NI) status compared to eleven (11) schools last year. Schools are identified as NI after **not** making AYP *in the same subject* for two (2) consecutive years.

### Number of schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

	Number of Schools	2010 Schools Making AYP
Elementary	35	28
Middle	12	10
High	9	5
Total	56	43

### Schools must pass AYP in 5 categories:

1. Participation Reading
2. Participation Math
3. Performance Reading
4. Performance Math
5. Second Indicator – Either “Attendance” (elementary and middle schools) or “Graduation Rate” (high schools)

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All schools in the system passed *reading* and *math* participation sections of AYP with 95% or more students taking the CRCT or graduation test. All elementary and middle schools passed the *Second Indicator* portion with none having more than 15% of students absent more than 15 days. Six high schools passed the *Second Indicator* which is "*Graduation Rate*." The Muscogee County School District has increased the graduation rate from 79.8% last year to 82.2% in 2010.

"We're excited to see a steady increase in the number of students who graduate each year," said Superintendent Susan Andrews. "We're also seeing schools that have been in needs improvement for years make AYP for the first time, so we are making progress."

For example, Eddy Middle School, which is in NI-10 made AYP, and Baker Middle School, which is in NI-8 also made AYP. Marshall Middle School, which has been in NI-7, has made AYP for two (2) consecutive years. As a result, Marshall Middle School is now removed from the NI list. Therefore, after December 17, 2010, transportation will no longer be provided for students who are assigned to Marshall, and attending choice schools.

"I am really looking forward to seeing transfer students return because Marshall Middle is an excellent school, with highly-qualified, excellent teachers," said Principal Melvin Blackwell. "Working together, we have proven that learning can be achieved by all students."

In addition, Carver High School, which was NI-4, makes AYP for the first time.

Principal Chris Lindsey says, "Our goal is to make AYP every year. It has been a true team effort with the custodial staff – creating a clean safe environment, the cafeteria staff providing a great breakfast and lunch, the students having self confidence and self worth, the teachers providing quality instruction, the guidance & support staff supporting teacher instruction, and the school level administrators sacrificing family time for school work and support."

Of course, schools that did not make AYP are disappointed, as most of them missed the bar by just a few students. Math continues to be a weakness. Therefore, the district is taking a unified approach to target the area of math by providing professional learning opportunities that will improve instructional practices and raise student achievement.

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Overall, the number of schools making AYP has increased since the retest scores were included in the final scores. Administrators and staff will continue working with all schools, taking the necessary steps to not only meet the standards, but exceed the standards to achieve AYP at all schools. Schools that make AYP for three consecutive years earn the “Distinguished” status. There are 34 Distinguished Schools in the Muscogee County School District.

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### Elementary Schools: 2010 AYP Status

School	Met AYP in 2010	Title I School
Allen	Yes	No
Benning Hills	Yes	Yes
Blanchard	Yes	No
Brewer	No	Yes
Britt David	Yes	No
Clubview	Yes	No
Cusseta Road	No	Yes
Davis	Yes	Yes
Dawson	No	Yes
Dimon	Yes	Yes
Double Churches	Yes	No
Downtown	Yes	Yes
Eagle Ridge	Yes	No
Edgewood	Yes	Yes
Forrest Road	Yes	Yes
Fox	Yes	Yes
Gentian	Yes	No
Georgetown	No	Yes
Hannan	Yes	Yes
Johnson	Yes	Yes

Key	Yes	Yes
Lonnie Jackson	Yes	Yes
Martin Luther King	No	Yes
Mathews	Yes	No
Midland Academy	Yes	No
Muscogee	No	Yes
North Columbus	Yes	No
Reese Road	Yes	No
Rigdon Road	Yes	Yes
River Road	No	No
South Columbus	Yes	Yes
St. Marys	Yes	Yes
Waddell	Yes	Yes
Wesley Heights	Yes	Yes
Wynnton	Yes	Yes

### Middle Schools: 2010 AYP Status

School	Met AYP in 2010	Title I School
Arnold	Yes	No
Baker	Yes	Yes
Blackmon Road	Yes	No
Double Churches	No	No
East Columbus	Yes	Yes
Eddy	Yes	Yes
Fort	No	Yes
Marshall	Yes	Yes
Midland	Yes	No
Richards Middle	Yes	No
Rothschild	Yes	Yes
Veterans Memorial	Yes	No

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### High Schools: 2010 AYP Status

School	Met AYP in 2010	Title I
Carver	Yes	Yes
Columbus High	Yes	No
Early College Academy	Yes	Yes
Hardaway	Yes	No
Jordan	No	Yes
Kendrick	No	Yes
Northside	Yes	Yes
Shaw	No	No
Spencer	No	Yes

### **Title I Distinguished Schools**

School	Consecutive Years in AYP	Years Distinguished
Benning Hills	10	8
Davis	6	4
Dimon	9	7
Downtown	11	9
East Columbus	3	1
Edgewood	9	7
Johnson	8	6
Key	8	6
Rigdon	9	7
Rothschild	5	3
St. Marys	9	7
Waddell	8	6
Wesley Heights	7	5
Wynnton	6	4

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## Non Title I Distinguished Schools

School	Consecutive Years in AYP	Years Distinguished
Allen Elementary	8	6
Arnold Middle	3	1
Blackmon Road Middle	6	4
Blanchard Elementary	6	4
Britt David Elementary	8	6
Clubview Elementary	8	6
Columbus High	8	6
Double Churches Elementary	8	6
Eagle Ridge Academy	3	1
Early College of Columbus	4	2
Gentian Elementary	8	6
Hardaway High	4	2
Mathews Elementary	8	6
Midland Academy	8	6
Midland Middle	5	3
North Columbus Elementary	4	2
Northside High	6	4
Reese Road Elementary	8	6
Richards Middle	3	1
Veterans Memorial	3	1