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## NEWS RELEASE

### **MCSO Schools Earn Platinum, Gold, and Silver GOSA Awards**

**(Columbus, GA)**-More than 300 schools across Georgia earn awards for improvements in student achievement from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA). Four awards go to four schools in the Muscogee County School District.

Under the Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS), Britt David, Early College Academy and Columbus High School earned the **Platinum Award** for high performance on state assessments. Veterans Memorial Middle School won the **Gold Award** for greatest gains. Early College Academy also earned the **Silver Award** for greatest gains.

#### **Platinum Award Criteria**

Under SSAS, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement awards schools that show excellence in student achievement and/or progress in student achievement. Award-winning schools must meet the following criteria, which are based on the results of the most recent two years of Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) (grades 3-8 in reading, English/language arts, math, social studies, and science) and/or the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) (grade 11 first time test takers - English/language arts, math, science, and social studies). Criteria are based on Full Academic Year (FAY) students. Both the CRCT and the GHSGT classify achievement in terms of the percent of students who a) do not meet standards, b) meet standards, and c) exceed standards.

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## High Performance Minimum Requirements

Criteria:	Platinum Schools	Gold Schools	Silver Schools	Bronze Schools
<b>AYP Status</b>	AYP for 3 consecutive years	AYP for 2 consecutive years	AYP for 2 consecutive years	No Needs Improvement status
<b>Exceeds Standards</b>	> 35% of students exceed standards	> 30% of students exceed standards	> 25% of students exceed standards	> 20% of students exceed standards
<b>Meets + Exceeds Gain</b>	98% or more meet and exceed standards	97% or more meet and exceed standards	96% or more meet and exceed standards	95% or more meet and exceed standards

### Gold and Silver

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## Greatest Gain Minimum Requirements

<b>Criteria:</b>	<b>Platinum Schools</b>	<b>Gold Schools</b>	<b>Silver Schools</b>	<b>Bronze Schools</b>
<b>AYP Status</b>	AYP for 3 consecutive years	AYP for 2 consecutive years	AYP for 2 consecutive years	No Needs Improvement status
<b>Exceeds Standards</b>	> 35% of students exceed standards	> 30% of students exceed standards	> 25% of students exceed standards	> 20% of students exceed standards
<b>Meets + Exceeds Gain</b>	98 <sup>th</sup> percentile of greatest gains	97 <sup>th</sup> percentile of greatest gains	96 <sup>th</sup> percentile of greatest gains	95 <sup>th</sup> percentile of greatest gains

The Governor’s Office of Student Achievement provides accountability for all of Georgia’s education system from pre-kindergarten to post secondary to drive improvement in student achievement and school completion through meaningful, transparent and objective analysis and communication of statewide data.

For more information or to view the complete list of SSAS winners, access [www.gaosa.org](http://www.gaosa.org).

\*Source: [www.gaosa.org](http://www.gaosa.org)

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