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2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools Named

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September 7, 2012 -- Seven Georgia public schools today were named 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

The No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools award distinguishes and honors schools for helping students achieve at very high levels and for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

"I congratulate these seven schools for being recognized as 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools," said State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge. "The students, teachers and staff of these schools should be proud of their success. These schools are shining examples of what happens when everyone is focused on student learning."

Blue Ribbon Schools are chosen in two categories ([see the full criteria descriptions](#)):

- HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS: Schools that scored in the top 10 percent in student achievement.
- DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED SCHOOLS: Schools with at least 40 percent economically disadvantaged students that have dramatically improved student achievement to high levels.

One Georgia private school was also named a National Blue Ribbon School. The selection process for private schools is different. For more information, go to <http://www.capenet.org/brs.html>.

Georgia's winning schools will join other national winners at an awards ceremony on Nov. 12 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information on the Blue Ribbon Schools program, go to the Blue Ribbon Schools website at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html>.

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2012 GEORGIA BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

Public

- Chase Street Elementary, Clarke County
- Austell Intermediate School, Cobb County
- Kittredge Magnet, DeKalb County
- Crabapple Crossing, Fulton County
- Fairmount Elementary, Gordon County
- Simpson Elementary, Gwinnett County
- **Britt David Elementary, Muscogee County**

Private

- First Presbyterian Day School (Middle School), Macon