



### **Program Information:**

Public and Private schools demonstrating progress in all five Pillars will receive highest rankings. It is important to document concrete achievement in either being a high achieving school or making great gains. It will help you to assemble a team to complete the application. This team might include: a facilities manager, physical education director, food services director, curriculum director, finance department representatives, teachers, parents, community leaders and students. Based on the pillars below, one school that is excelling and one school that is making the greatest gains will be named in each Congressional district.

Schools named will be awarded \$1000.

### **Rules**

1. School must be in existence for at least five full years.
2. School must serve at least 100 or more students.
3. U.S. Department of Justice does not have a pending suit alleging that the public-school district has violated one or more of the civil rights statutes or the Constitution's equal protection clause.
4. There are no findings of violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in a U.S. Department of Education monitoring report that apply to the public school district in question; or if there are such findings, the state or public school district has corrected, or agreed to correct, the findings.
5. The school configuration includes one or more of grades K-12. Schools on the same campus with one principal, even a K-12 school, must apply as an entire school.

6. The nominated school has not been identified by the state as “persistently dangerous” within the last two years.
7. The nominated school has no history of testing irregularities, nor have charges of irregularities been brought against the school at the time of nomination. If irregularities are later discovered and proven by the state, the Georgia Department of Education reserves the right to disqualify a school’s application and/or rescind a school’s award.
8. A school that wins will need to wait six full years before applying again.
9. Any school that wins must have year designation on any promotional or publicized materials.

**Application Link:**

Due December 18, 2020

<http://www.gaedurecognition.com/school-of-excellence-application/>