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Camden Leads State in Top Title I Reward Schools

The recently released Georgia Department of Education 2017-2018 list of Title I Reward Schools named eight Camden County Schools as either Title I Highest Performing Schools or High Progress Title I Schools. For the second year in a row, Camden County Schools earned more awards for Title I Highest Performing Schools than any other district in the state of Georgia. Of the eighty schools in the state to earn the title of Highest Performing School, six were from Camden County.

Crooked River Elementary School earned the title of Highest Performing School for the sixth year in a row and Matilda Harris Elementary School earned the title for the fourth consecutive year. Woodbine Elementary, David L. Rainer Elementary, Sugarmill Elementary and Mary Lee Clark Elementary were also designated by the Georgia Department of Education as Highest Performing Schools. St. Marys Middle School and Mamie Lou Gross Elementary earned the honor of being named Title I High Progress Schools.

In response to the accomplishments of these schools, Dr. Denise Cato, Director of Federal Programs and Special Projects, remarked, "Once again, the commitment to improving student achievement and growth is evident in the schools earning these distinguished honors. The continued dedication of our teachers and administrators will help prepare our students to be successful academically, socially, emotionally and behaviorally."

A **Highest Performing School** is among the five percent of the state's Title I schools with the highest absolute performance over three years for the "all students" group on statewide assessments.

A **High Progress School** is among the ten percent of the state's Title I schools making the most progress in improving the performance of the "all students" group over three years on statewide assessments.

Schools with 40% or more of their students qualifying for free or reduced lunch are eligible for Title I schoolwide services and this honor. All twelve of Camden County Schools are successful, schoolwide Title I schools.

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