

2012 School of Excellence Selection Criteria

The selection of Georgia Schools of Excellence is divided into two (2) recognition categories: 1) Highest Performing and 2) Highest Progress. Each Congressional District is afforded the opportunity to possess one (1) school from each of the recognition categories so long as they meet the criteria for eligibility.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Highest Performance:

Highest Performing schools represent the top performance schools, within each Congressional District, on the new College and Career-Ready Performance Index (CCRPI). In particular, the school with the highest **Overall** CCRPI school is awarded the recognition so long as they meet the following criteria:

- Have not been awarded the Highest Performing School of Excellence award, based on the CCRPI, during the past five years.
- The Overall CCRPI Score is greater than 90.0.
- They are not currently identified as a Priority, Focus, or Alert school.

In the event two or more schools possess the same score, the school with the highest Progress Score will be awarded the recognition. If schools remain tied after the Progress Score, the school with the highest Achievement Gap closure will be selected.

Highest Progress:

Highest Progress schools represent the school making the greatest gains, within each Congressional District, on the new CCRPI. In particular, the school with the highest **Progress** CCRPI score is awarded the recognition so long as they meet the following criteria:

- Have not been awarded the Highest Performing School of Excellence award, based on the CCRPI, during the past five year.
- The Progress CCRPI Score is greater than 11.5.
- They are not currently identified as a Priority, Focus, or Alert school.

In the event two or more schools possess the same score, the school with the highest Overall Score will be awarded the recognition. If schools remain tied after the Overall Score, the school with the highest Achievement Gap closure will be selected.