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### Fourteen Schools Receive Literacy and Math Leader Banners from Georgia Department of Education



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – State School Superintendent Richard Woods visited the Houston County School District on January 26 to recognize outstanding achievements in literacy and mathematics during the 2024-2025 school year. Superintendent Woods presented 17 award banners to 14 schools, honoring them as *Literacy Leaders* and *Math Leaders* for their students' strong performance and growth.

The Literacy Leader and Math Leader honors celebrate schools that demonstrate extraordinary student progress and proficiency. Schools are recognized for achievement, growth, or both on annual end-of-grade or end-of-course assessments. The criteria recognize the crucial importance of grade-level reading in third and sixth grades and numeracy skills in fifth and eighth grades and require higher growth from schools with lower achievement levels.

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The following Houston County schools received a Literacy Leader banner. [The full criteria for the 2024-2025 Literacy Leader banners can be found here.](#)

- Centerville Elementary School: 3rd Grade Gateway Growth
- Eagle Springs Elementary School: 3rd Grade Gateway Growth; 5th Grade Growth
- Hilltop Elementary School: 3rd Grade Gateway Growth
- Lake Joy Elementary School: 3rd Grade Gateway Growth
- Matt Arthur Elementary School: 3rd Grade Gateway Achievement; 5th Grade Achievement
- Northside Elementary School: 3rd Grade Gateway Growth
- Northside Middle School: 6th Grade Gateway Growth
- Parkwood Elementary School: 3rd Grade Gateway Growth
- Perry Middle School: 6th Grade Gateway Growth

The following Houston County schools received a Math Leader banner. [The full criteria for the 2024-2025 Math Leader banners can be found here.](#)

- Bonaire Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Achievement
- Feagin Mill Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Achievement
- Hilltop Elementary School: 5th Grade Gateway Growth
- Huntington Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Outstanding Achievement
- Mossy Creek Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Outstanding Achievement
- Northside Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Growth
- Perry Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Achievement
- Thomson Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Outstanding Achievement

For more information about Literacy and Math Leaders, visit <https://www.gadoe.org>.

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