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Gwinnett teacher named a state finalist in Pre-K Program Teacher of the Year Program

Tricia Floyd, a Maxwell High School teacher, is a state finalist in the 2020-2021 Pre-K Program Teacher of the Year competition. Floyd, who was awarded \$500, is one of six finalists in the contest sponsored by the **Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL).**



The next step in the competition will take place in the fall. Each finalist will be observed by a Pre-K Specialist, submit a small-group video to be scored by outside judges, and take part in a panel interview. In September, DECAL will select a winner from a local public school system and a winner from a private child care center. Those winners will receive a \$3,000 check for themselves, \$2,000 for a classroom makeover and supplies, and \$2,500 to cover out of the classroom costs while the teacher is away. Winners will serve as ambassadors for Georgia's Pre-K Program, speaking on behalf of the program, representing Georgia's Pre-K at various meetings, and modeling effective classroom practices.

Among other requirements, candidates for Georgia's Pre-K Teacher of the Year must have been employed as a Georgia's Pre-K lead teacher during the 2019-2020 school year, served as a lead teacher in a Georgia's Pre-K classroom for a minimum of three years, and must be planning to continue as a lead teacher in a Georgia's Pre-K classroom during the 2020-2021 school year.

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