



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Georgia Department of Education honors Gwinnett schools for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**

More than a half dozen Gwinnett County public schools have been recognized by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) for their Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) programs. PBIS guides selection, integration, and implementation of the best evidence-based behavioral practices for improving behavior outcomes for all students. It encourages positive behaviors with recognition for those students who exhibited appropriate school conduct. The following schools were recognized by the state as “Distinguished” for their implementation of PBIS.

- **Brookwood Elementary**
- **Lawrenceville Elementary**
- **Lilburn Elementary**
- **Peachtree Elementary**
- **Duluth Middle**
- **Sweetwater Middle**
- **The BRIDGE at Buice Center**, supported by North Metro Georgia Network for Educational & Therapeutic Supports (GNETS)

Gwinnett schools made up nearly half of the 16 schools in the state that earned the designation. Schools earning the Distinguished designation are eligible for:

- Letter of recognition from State Superintendent Richard Woods
- Signed certificate of recognition from Superintendent Woods
- 5 bonus points recommended for School Climate Star Rating
- Listed on the GaDOE-PBIS webpage as an active PBIS school
- Eligible to serve as a demonstration site for schools or dignitaries
- May be invited to present at state conferences and webinars

The following 41 Gwinnett schools earned recognition as Operational Schools.

### **Elementary Schools (26)**

Alcovia Elementary  
 Annistown Elementary  
 Baggett Elementary  
 Beaver Ridge Elementary  
 Berkeley Lake Elementary  
 Bethesda Elementary  
 Britt Elementary  
 Camp Creek Elementary  
 Corley Elementary

Duncan Creek Elementary  
 Graves Elementary  
 Grayson Elementary  
 Gwin Oaks Elementary  
 Harmony Elementary  
 Jackson Elementary  
 Kanoheda Elementary  
 Lovin Elementary  
 Mason Elementary  
 McKendree Elementary

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**2010 and 2014 Winner of**



Meadowcreek Elementary  
Mulberry Elementary  
Norton Elementary  
Pharr Elementary  
Starling Elementary  
Sugar Hill Elementary  
Winn Holt Elementary

**Middle Schools (9)**

Couch Middle  
Grace Snell Middle  
Jones Middle  
Lilburn Middle  
Moore Middle

Pinckneyville Middle  
Shiloh Middle  
Snellville Middle  
Summerour Middle

**High Schools (5)**

Berkmar High  
Dacula High  
Grayson High  
Meadowcreek High  
Mill Creek High

**Other Schools (1)**

GIVE Center West

Each year, the GaDOE recognizes schools and programs that have created and maintained a positive school climate through the implementation of PBIS. PBIS supports schools, districts, and states to build systems capacity for implementing a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional, and behavior support. PBIS provides an operational framework for achieving these outcomes. More than 1,200 Georgia schools and 27,000 nationwide have been trained in PBIS.