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Garrison K-8 Named a Georgia School of Excellence

SCCPSS school touted as the epitome of excellence.

On August 13, 2013, State Superintendent Dr. John Barge announced the highest performing schools in the state, naming the Esther F. Garrison School of Visual and Performing Arts among the 2012 Georgia Schools of Excellence in Student Achievement.

"I am proud of the national and state awards our schools continue to receive," said Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham Public Schools. "The high level of focus our students exhibit, coupled with a rigorous academic program led by quality classroom instructors is a combination that will ensure student success at any level. The students, faculty, and staff at Garrison are to be commended."

High Performance schools are the top performing schools within each Congressional District that have shown the highest performance on the College and Career-Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) across the state. CCRPI is a comprehensive school improvement, accountability, and communication platform for all educational stakeholders that will promote college and career readiness for all Georgia public school students.

"These schools are the epitome of excellence," said Superintendent Barge. "With our new, more rigorous accountability system, these schools really shine. Their focus on areas that impact student success is evident across the board. I offer my congratulations to our 2012 Georgia Schools of Excellence and my appreciation to Georgia Natural Gas and United Healthcare for continued support of our schools."

Each school will receive a \$1,000 check from Georgia Natural Gas. United Healthcare is also a sponsor for the 2012 Schools of Excellence program. For more, please visit www.doe.k12.ga.us.

Highest Performance - Congressional District, School, System

1. Esther F. Garrison School of Visual and Performing Arts, Chatham County
2. J. S. Pate Elementary, Crisp County
3. Centralhatchee Elementary, Heard County
4. R.D. Head Elementary, Gwinnett County
5. Oakhurst Elementary, Decatur City
6. Hembree Springs Elementary, Fulton County
7. Harris Elementary, Gwinnett County
8. Quail Run Elementary, Houston County
9. Towns County Middle, Towns County
10. Mulberry Elementary, Gwinnett County
11. Marietta Center for Advanced Academics, Marietta City
12. A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet, Richmond County
13. Elite Scholars Academy, Clayton County
14. Jones Elementary, Bremen City