

District 6 Schools Accolades 2025



District 6 schools exemplify continuous improvement in motion. From the early-grade acceleration at Wynbrooke and Miller Elementary to the data-driven leadership at Stephenson and Stone Mountain High, their progress reflects both academic rigor and relational strength. Every gain is the result of leaders and teachers who use data with the intention to analyze, adjust, and align their practice to meet student needs. Their unwavering commitment to accountability, collaboration, and excellence propels DeKalb toward our shared vision: every student prepared to learn, live, and lead with confidence and purpose.



Elementary Schools >>>

E. L. Miller Elementary School

- Instructional leadership spotlight: Miller’s principal co-led a district Principal PLC on closing achievement gaps/content mastery (Feb 2025), highlighting reading strategies tied to content mastery
- Dana L. Johnson named E.L. Miller ES Teacher of the Year in the 2024–25 cohort listing
- Winner of Innovative Solutions Grant 2024-2025 to create a sensory room

Hambrick Elementary School

- Schoolwide supply/engagement event with Yoobi and DCSD alumnus/actor Shameik Moore spotlighting student success and community partnership
- GaDOE Title I Reward School: Recognized among DCSD’s Reward Schools (top 5% for growth) in the May 2024 district roll-up
- Recipient of the 2025 GADOE John Hancock Award Banner and Proficiency Ribbon
- Partnership with the DeKalb County Police Department to promote social-emotional learning through the GREAT Program

Idlewood Elementary School

- One of the top 5 schools in DCSD with Beanstack implementation to track students’ independent reading.
- Hosts several parent engagement events yearly to support their diverse population including Literacy and Numeracy Nights.
- Area 2 report highlights staff completion of Mental Health training and mid-year improvement planning, evidence of culture/conditions work that underpins academic gains
- GaDOE Title I “Reward School.” Recognized for growth in the district’s 2024 announcement

- 30th Anniversary Celebration: Honored with a city resolution recognizing 30 years of educational excellence.
- Academic Achievement: Earned 6th Place in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl districtwide competition.
- TEM Innovation: Secured 1st Place at the DCSD Tech Fair for Project Programming (Grades 3–4).
- Arts & Culture: The Ladies of the Rock Dance Team captured 2nd Place in Area 2 Championship competition.

Stephenson Elementary School (formerly Pine Ridge Elementary)

- DCSD Girls’ Flag Football District Champions (2025) secured the championship title, exemplifying teamwork, leadership, and athletic excellence across the Stephenson cluster.
- Closing the Gap Success — achieved a 40% increase in the Closing the Gap component as measured by CCRPI, reflecting targeted instructional interventions and equity-driven practices.
- Area 2 Elementary Girls’ Basketball Team — earned 2nd place districtwide, showcasing student perseverance, school pride, and positive participation in extracurricular programs.
- Academic Growth Across A Subgroup — exceeded CCRPI growth targets in both Math and Reading, highlighting strong teaching practices and data-driven instructional support.

Stone Mill Elementary School

- Inaugural DCSD Elementary Boys’ Flag Football County Champions (2025)—first-ever title establishes a culture of participation and teamwork
- UGA “Fresh on DeKalb” grant site (Nov 2023) with student/family cooking and nutrition classes
- Helping Hands Food Pantry Partnership — collaboration provides weekly food support to more than 75 families, strengthening community outreach.
- Beanstack Reading Initiative Leader — ranked #2 out of 138 DCSD schools, reflecting a culture of reading and consistent student participation.

Stone Mountain Elementary School

- Advanced to the DCSD Elementary Competitive Dance Championships (2025) highlights student enrichment and engagement in the arts.
- Interfaith Legacy Project Partnership — with Councilwoman Anita Bass, transformed the media center through new carpeting and area rugs to enhance learning spaces.
- Gifted Program Growth — 71 students identified through Gifted testing, reflecting academic rigor and talent cultivation.
- Community Partnership with Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church — provides holiday toys and family support, strengthening school-community connections.

Wynbrooke Theme Elementary School

- Title I Highest-Performing Reward School (state designation; precedent of top performance)
- GaDOE Title I “Distinguished School.” Identified among DCSD’s five Title I Distinguished Schools (highest 5% achievement) in the Jan 2025 academic report; GaDOE “Math Leader.” Recognized for 5th Grade Gateway Growth (Dec 2024)
- Earned 2nd place in Apparel Design and 4th place in Instrumentalist at the National Beta Convention.
- Students placed 1st in Performing Arts, 2nd in Apparel Design, 2nd in Speech, and 5th in Social Studies at the Junior Beta Convention.
- The Girls Elementary Track Team won 2nd place in the 4x100 relay at the district meet.



Princeton Elementary School

- Named a Georgia Math Leader school (3rd Grade Gateway Growth) for 2023–24, state recognition for improved math performance
- GaDOE “Literacy Leader.” Recognized for 3rd Grade Gateway Growth in 2023–24 Literacy Leader awards (Dec 2024)
- Student performance & enrichment: Princeton students cited for outstanding achievements at the 2025 DCSD Technology Competition (district academic report, Feb 2025)
- Winner of Innovative Solutions Grant 2024-2025 to create a sensory room

Redan Elementary School

- Redan was named a Literacy Leader School for 2024-2025
- 5th Grader, Eli Flynt was named DeKalb Watershed Management 2025 Art Calendar winner for the month of December
- First Recipient for the DeKalb Foundation Grant for \$1,500
- Ben Carson Redan Room Grant worth \$20,000

Rock Chapel Elementary School

- Advanced to the DCSD Elementary Competitive Dance Championships (Feb 2025) celebrates student engagement, discipline, and SEL-centered performance culture.
- Girls’ Track Team County Champions (2025–2026) — showcases athletic excellence, teamwork, and school spirit.
- PBIS Book Vending Machine Initiative — students earn BARK Bucks to redeem books, promoting literacy and positive behavior.
- STEM Garden Project Launch — integrates science instruction for 4th and 5th graders with support from a Master Gardener, connecting STEM and environmental learning.

Rockbridge Elementary School

- Dual Language Immersion Program (French) - Rockbridge Elementary is proud to be part of DeKalb County School District’s Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program, offering students the opportunity to learn French while mastering grade-level academic content in math and science. Our DLI program fosters bilingualism, biliteracy, and cultural appreciation—skills that prepare students to thrive in a global society.
- NOAA Ocean Guardian School in Partnership with the Georgia Aquarium - Rockbridge is honored to serve as a NOAA Ocean Guardian School, partnering with the Georgia Aquarium to promote environmental stewardship. Our students engage in hands-on conservation projects focused on protecting local watersheds and reducing pollution through recycling initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to sustainability and global citizenship.
- Student Success Skills Backpack Initiative - Rockbridge was selected to participate in DCSD’s new Student Success Skills Backpack initiative, which represents the district’s updated version of the Portrait of a Graduate. This program equips students with essential academic, social, and emotional competencies, helping them develop resilience, collaboration, and critical thinking skills needed for success in school and beyond.
- Outstanding Teacher Recognition - We are proud to celebrate Mrs. Darianna Dorsey, Rockbridge’s 2025 Teacher of the Year, who also earned the distinction of First Runner-Up for the DeKalb County School District’s overall Teacher of the Year. Her dedication, creativity, and passion for student learning reflect the excellence and commitment of our entire teaching staff.

Shadow Rock Elementary School

- GaDOE Literacy Leader: Recognized by the Georgia Department of Education for 3rd Grade Gateway Growth (Dec 2024)
- State Recognition: Achieved Literacy Lead designation for ELA, with 50% of 3rd-grade students reading at or above grade level.



Champion Theme Middle School

- Distinguished Technology & Engineering Professional (DTE) Honoree: Champion teacher Chandra Porter was recognized for her exceptional performance, leadership, and contributions to the fields of technology and engineering education. She earned the prestigious Distinguished Technology and Engineering Professional (DTE) designation—one of the highest honors awarded by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) and granted through a rigorous review by expert peers.
- Champion Step Team Performs at Statewide Event: The Champion Step Team proudly represented our school at the official 2025 Governor's Red Ribbon Campaign Kick-Off, held Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre in Mableton, Georgia. Their performance received enthusiastic recognition from state and community leaders.
- TSA State Leadership Success: Members of our Champion Technology Student Association (TSA) attended the TSA State Leadership Conference in Athens, Georgia, achieving remarkable results, including Top 10 – Career Prep, Top 10 – Mechanical Engineering, Top 10 – Technical Design, 1st Place – Website Design (State Champions!)
- Honor Band Excellence: Several Champion scholars earned acceptance into prestigious Honor Band programs, including Reinhardt University, Marshall University, Samford University, Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony's Young Artists Band, Nashville African American Wind Symphony, Jackson State University, & Wright State University.

Stephenson Middle School

- 2024-2025 SMS boys Middle School Basketball Championship
- 2024-2025 SMS Student 1st place winner of NFTE! Startup Tech Showcase
- 2024-2025 Innovation Solution Lab (ISL) \$10,000 recipient award for our student wellness room, sponsored by the PTSA.
- 2025-2028 Recipients of The Full STE(A)M Ahead (FSA) partnership, a three-year engagement with an annual program value of \$61,331

Stone Mountain Middle School

- SY 25-26 SMMS TSA Awarded 6th Place in Program Promotional Challenge at the TSA Tech Day
- SY25-26 SMMS is a partner of the Ga Aquarium and has received a \$3,000 grant Ocean Guardian NOAA Grant, Science ATL, and Botanical Garden to advance and enhance students' learning experiences and real world application in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
- SY24-25 Pirate Fine Arts Programs of Band and Orchestra scored 1 and 2 respectively
- SMMS HAS 2 consecutive years of INCREASE in content mastery as measured by the GMAS



High Schools



DeKalb Alternative School

- The Got Space Program will visit the DeKalb Alternative Program on November 12 & 13 to engage our students in an inspiring, hands-on STEM experience focused on space exploration, aerospace careers, and future innovations.
- Recognized as a “Drug-Free Zone of Approval” - The Georgia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force recognized DAP teachers and students for our commitment to maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment. This acknowledgment reminds us that our focus on positive choices and wellness truly makes a difference.
- First Annual Fall Festival - DAP hosted its first Fall Festival, bringing together our school, district, and community partners for a fun and meaningful day of celebration. The event reflected our “You Matter” culture and strengthened the relationships that make our school family so special.
- Multilingual Heritage Month Celebration - We proudly celebrated our first Multilingual Heritage Month, honoring the rich diversity within our school community. Students participated in activities that highlighted language, culture, and inclusion — reminding us that every voice adds value to who we are.

Elizabeth Andrews High School

- 25 students identified for Gifted Testing: Highest MAP growth from Fall 2024-Spring 2025
- EAHS recognized our Teacher of the Year, Thomas Gilchrist, and Support Staff Sherry Canion-Wright and Shirley Jackson
- School graduation rate increased and increased enrollment in our 25-26 Co-Hort Elevate Program
- Our annual popcorn fundraiser raised \$5,000 for our teachers and students

Stephenson High School

- 87.1% Class of 2025 Graduation Rate - Awarded a trophy for being 1 of 6 traditional schools in DCSD with the highest graduation rate
- \$5,679,828 in Academic Scholarships – Class of 2025
- Region Champs for Football (3rd year in a row), Cross-Country, Cheerleading (back-to-back) and region runners-up for Volleyball.
- Sonic Sound Marching Band received a Superior Rating at the 2025 DeKalb County Marching Band Exhibition with a score of 93.05%

Stone Mountain High School

- Opened a S.A.F.E. Center (Oct 20, 2024), expanding wraparound services that correlate with improved attendance and credit accumulation
- Awarded a \$250,000 facility grant (LISC/NFL Foundation/Atlanta Falcons) to upgrade athletic fields, increasing access and opportunity to safe play spaces
- #1 in the District for Scholarship Funds/ 2 in the District in Scholarship Offers - \$6.44M in scholarship offers as of May 27, 2025
- Scholarship Symposium: \$3,394,800 in scholarship offers with 98 offers
- 6 students accepted to Atlanta GLOW's paid Work Ready Program

