



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
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Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Grant –

Item Name

FP – Grant – 2023 National ESEA Distinguished School Award

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize the State School Superintendent to award a grant to two (2) local education agencies (LEA) at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 in Federal Funds for recognition as Georgia's 2023 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

- Increase the percentage of high school students who graduate ready for enrollment, employment, or enlistment.

Rationale

Each year, the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) publicly recognizes two (2) schools in each state receiving federal funds for their outstanding achievements in education. NAESPA designates these schools as 2023 National ESEA Distinguished Schools. In Georgia, Title I schoolwide program (SWP) schools ranked in the top 5% on a combined ELA and Math Achievement Rate score from FY22 College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) Content Mastery data are eligible to apply. Seventy-nine (79) of the top performing SWP Title I schools in the state were invited to apply for this recognition. The two schools selected to represent Georgia based on their application scores are: Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School (DeKalb County) and Midway Elementary School (Pierce County). These two schools will receive \$20,000 each from the Federal Programs Consolidated Administrative funds. The funds awarded to these schools will be used for school teams to attend the National ESEA Conference February 7-10, 2024, in Portland, Oregon, where they will be recognized along with selected schools from other states. Remaining funds will be used by the awarded schools to support the educational efforts of their Title I initiatives.

Details

Objective:	To recognize Georgia's 2023 National ESEA Distinguished Schools
Grant Recipient:	Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School (DeKalb County) and Midway Elementary School (Pierce County)
Grant Amount:	\$40,000 (\$20,000 to each school)
Funding Source:	Federal
Grant Period for Recipient:	July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024
Renewal:	NA
Budget History:	
	FY23: \$40,000
	FY22: \$40,000
	FY21: \$40,000

Performance

Describe how the grant will be monitored to ensure satisfactory performance: The federal grants being awarded herein undergo required comprehensive monitoring for compliance with the federal statute, Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), and other applicable regulations. Monitoring occurs through an established cycle during which LEAs are visited by a cross-divisional team of federal program staff. Annual risk determinations completed by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) inform the need for additional monitoring, including back-to-back annual, or more frequent monitoring.

Performance, criteria, and results: Cross-functional monitoring is conducted using a set of compliance indicators that are both cross-cutting and program specific. Non-compliance in any area requires the LEA to submit a corrective action plan for review and approval by the applicable GaDOE program staff. All documentation, including outcome results, are maintained by the GaDOE in the secure MyGaDOE on-line portal.

Performance Metrics: The compliance measures that LEAs must meet include, but are not limited to, the application process, financial management, procurement, inventory management, time and effort, allowability, record retention, program oversight, and audit resolution.

Summary

Scope of Grant:

The grant must be used to send representatives from each school to participate in the NAESPA National ESEA Conference award ceremony. Any unexpended grant funds must adhere to federal statute requirements and must comport with the needs identified in the school's improvement plan.

Purpose of Grant:

To provide financial assistance for two (2) Title I Schoolwide schools selected by GaDOE as the 2023 National ESEA Distinguished Schools to attend the NAESPA conference award ceremony.

History:

How the Grant Recipient was Selected:

- Formula Grant
- Competitive Grant (FOGA Number 160-1-4-.292.)

Describe the grant process:

GaDOE identifies the top 5% Title I, Part A schoolwide schools based on a combined ELA and Mathematics Achievement Rate score from FY22 CCRPI Content Mastery data. GaDOE invites identified schools to apply for the award. Schools submit their applications in one of the three NAESPA categories: 1) Exceptional student performance and academic growth for two (2) or more consecutive years, 2) Closing the achievement gap between student groups for two (2) or more consecutive years, 3) Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g., homeless, migrant, English learner, etc.). The application provides the opportunity to describe specific initiatives that have been implemented resulting in high academic progress. Applications are redacted to eliminate school identification during the scoring process. A minimum of three different Title I Program Specialists read the applications and average the scores. Poverty points are then added to the score average. The two (2) schools with the highest scores are named as Georgia's representatives for the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Award sponsored by NAESPA.

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