

Hancock Central High School Awarded the State Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Award

State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox recently announced the winners of the inaugural Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement awards. These awards honor schools that had the highest achievement and greatest improvement on state curriculum tests. A certificate has been sent to the winning schools acknowledging their achievement.

The Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards are based on the performance of students on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT), the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) and the End-of-Course-Tests (EOCT).

These awards acknowledge schools in two categories:

- **IMPROVEMENT:** The ten schools in each honored subject area and grade that had the greatest improvement in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards.
- **ACHIEVEMENT:** The ten schools in each honored subject area and grade that had the highest percentage of students score in the exceeds category.

The staff of Hancock Central High School is thrilled to learn of State Superintendent Kathy Cox's Award, we were recognized for the Social Studies percentage gain from 2007 to 2008 on the Georgia High School Graduation Test said Principal Isaac Cleveland.

Principal Cleveland also stated that when you initially look at the report, Hancock Central is listed number 4. However, the three (3) institutions ahead of us are not full-fledged high schools. We can technically make the argument that we are number one in Social Studies improvement among full-fledged high schools.

Cleveland concluded stating that it can always happen when we stay focused on student learning and "shoot for the stars"! The Georgia High School Graduation Test achievement winners in the area of Social Studies are listed below

SOCIAL STUDIES				
System Name	School Name	Number Tested	2008 % Pass SOC	Difference
Dept Of Justice Sch	Eastman YDC	*10	90	40
Fulton County	McClarín Alternative	34	70.59	30.59
Cherokee County	Polaris Evening Sch	57	84.21	22.92
Hancock County	Hancock Cen High	84	86.9	21.05
Miller County	Miller Co High	92	90.22	17.91

Mitchell County	Mitchell Baker High	51	100	15.94
Macon County	Macon Co High	110	77.27	13.24
Bryan County	Bryan Co High	114	80.7	13.11
Terrell County	Terrell Co Mid/High	85	72.94	12.94
Wilcox County	Wilcox County High	86	89.53	11.18

Additional information about the Distinguished Achievement Awards can be found at the Georgia Department of Education's website: www.doe.k12.ga.us