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## Houston County High School Receives State Award



*Governor Nathan Deal*  
Office of the Governor



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County High School received the 2017 Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) award from the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (GOSA). The school earned two awards in recognition of high achievement on standardized tests over the past three years. Houston County High won Bronze awards in both the Greatest Gains and Highest Performing categories - one of only 55 schools in 17 districts to win awards in both categories.

Houston County was awarded Greatest Gains for producing academic growth over the last three years in the top seven percent of schools in Georgia. The Highest Performing category award is for overall achievement in the top seven percent of schools in the state over three years. The school receives certificates and banners to acknowledge this accomplishment.

The awards are part of Georgia’s Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS). Highest Performing schools must earn a three-year average College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Achievement Score that ranks in at least the 93rd percentile. Greatest Gains schools must earn a three-year average CCRPI Progress Score that ranks in at least the 93rd percentile. Each award category has a Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze tier. More information on how awards are calculated is available on the [GOSA website](#).

“Congratulations to the educators and administrators in Georgia’s award-winning schools who have exceeded expectations in preparing their students,” said Gov. Nathan Deal. “By implementing the best methods for teaching young minds, educators at Highest Performing and Greatest Gains schools are going above and beyond to help their students develop the skills needed for future success. Young minds are Georgia’s most valuable resource and we appreciate the schools across the state working to provide each student with an opportunity to succeed.”

The school is one of 226 Georgia schools in 54 districts chosen for this honor in 2017. The Greatest Gains award winners consist of 139 schools and the Highest Performing award winners consist of 142 schools across 24 districts.

Martha Ann Todd, GOSA Executive Director, stated, "It takes the collaborative effort of teachers, principals and parents working with students to achieve this level of success, and I applaud your entire school community for this accomplishment."

Houston County High is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Dr. Doug Rizer serves as principal. For more information, please call 478-988-6340.

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