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Four Camden Schools Named in 2019 Title I Distinguished Schools' List

Four Camden County schools were recently named Title I Distinguished Schools by the Georgia Department of Education. Camden County High School, St. Marys Middle School, David L. Rainer Elementary School and Kingsland Elementary are the four Camden County Schools to earn this distinguished honor. The highest ranking Title I schools in Georgia are named Title I Distinguished Schools and only 87 schools in the state made the list. Title I Distinguished Schools, when ranked according to their most recent CCRPI single score, are among the highest performing schools that represent 5% of all Title I Schools in the state.

The Georgia Department of Education introduced the Title I Distinguished School program in the fall of last year as part of the Title I Reward Schools program. Title I Distinguished Schools replace the previous Title I Highest Performing Reward Schools designation. The Department of Education will continue to recognize schools for greatest gains as Title I Reward Schools but those schools will not be named until a later date.

Schools with a percentage of students eligible for free or reduced lunch at or above 40% are eligible for Title I school wide services. All twelve of Camden County Schools are successful, school wide Title I schools.

In response to the accomplishments of these schools, Camden County Schools Director of Federal Programs, Dr. Denise Cato remarked, "Being ranked among the top 5% Title I schools in the state of Georgia is a testament of the commitment, compassion and academic passion we have for our students. This accomplishment speaks volumes to the dedication for the whole child (academically, physically, behaviorally and social-emotionally) demonstrated in our schools."

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