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US News & World Report Ranks Elite Scholars as Top Middle School in Georgia

JONESBORO- Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is pleased to share with all stakeholders that Elite Scholars Academy (ESA) has been listed as the “Best Middle School” in the state of Georgia by the United States News & World Report! According to the report, linked below, this distinction is created using the students’ performance data on state-required tests, graduation, and how well the school prepares students for high school. U.S. News is cited to have analyzed nearly 103,000 pre-K, elementary and middle schools in the creation of this report.

Best Georgia Middle Schools: <https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/middle-schools/georgia>

“We are extremely honored to have Elite Scholars Academy listed as the top middle school in the state as well as among the best schools in our nation. This recognition is certainly appreciated and we take it with a smile,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools. “This most recent accomplishment is a true testament to the hard work of our staff to prepare our students as well as our students and their parents’ dedication to education regardless of socioeconomic status. We are very proud,” he added.

According to the U.S. News & World Report ranking, and as reported in a recent Atlanta Journal-Constitution article (<https://tinyurl.com/USAWorldNewsGAMidRankAJC>), over 90 percent of the students at Elite Scholars Academy are considered economically disadvantaged. Despite this circumstance, Elite Scholars boasts the top-ranked reading proficiency and the 11th ranked math proficiency among all Georgia middle schools and is described as “well above expectations” in the report.

“Clayton County is a county of resilience and this is best illustrated by all of our students, employees, and families who have worked tirelessly to elevate our school system to higher levels of achievement,” stated Superintendent Beasley. “While we are proud that our scholars are outpacing school districts and schools with more abundant financial means, we recognize that this accomplishment is one data point and the district will continue our work to provide quality education opportunities to the children of Clayton County,” he concluded.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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