



Central Region at a Glance

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- **22** elementary schools, including five magnet programs featuring Spanish Immersion, science and technology, performing arts, Montessori and a traditional academy
- **Five** middle schools
- **17** high schools, including **four** middle colleges, **one** early college and **one** International Baccalaureate program
- **Two** alternative schools to help promote student achievement



Central Region Points of Pride

The **Middle College at Bennett** and **The Middle College at N.C.A&T State University** were the **first single-sex public schools** in the state.

Sternberger Elementary, Union Hill Elementary and **Weaver Academy** were recognized in the **2008 Celebration of Excellence** as three of the 16 most improved schools in the district.

Students at **Frazier Elementary** will have access to fresh fruits and vegetables during the 2009-10 school year thanks to an almost **\$1.8 million grant** from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Frazier is one of 62 schools statewide to receive the grant, which promotes healthier food choices by introducing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables through daily snacks and incorporating nutrition education in lesson plans.

The **Jamestown Middle** Odyssey of the Mind team took first place at the **State Odyssey of the Mind** tournament. Jamestown was the only team from GCS and the northern region of North Carolina to advance to the World Finals. The team traveled to Iowa State University to represent the district and the state to compete against teams from across the United States, as well as 13 other countries.

The **Early College at Guilford** and **Weaver Academy** were among five of the district's magnet and choice schools to be named **Magnet Schools of Merit** for 2009 according to Magnet Schools of America.

The **Early College at Guilford** was established as the **first early college high school** in the state and is a model for early entrance high schools nationwide which provide a seamless transition to higher education.

Students from **Weaver Academy's** College Tech Prep program competed in leadership and skills contests at the **N.C. SkillsUSA** conference. Two students won first place awards and advanced to the national competition. Jonathon Bradshaw won first place in Diesel Technology, and Nicholas Smith won first place in telecommunication cabling. Other students competed in electronics, precision machining, Internetworking, computer maintenance, television production and residential wiring.

The **Early College at Guilford** is one of the nation's **top 100 high schools**, according to a new annual survey by the *U.S. News & World Report*. The national magazine also recognized Weaver Academy with an honorable mention. The Early College at Guilford ranked 17th on the list of America's top 100 high schools and received U.S. News' Gold Medal status.



Teaching Excellence By Example

Silvana Mazo, a media specialist at **Grimsley High**, was selected from a national applicant pool to attend a Landmarks of American History and Culture workshop through the National Endowment for the Humanities. Mazo will study the topic "Ellis Island, Public Health and the American Workforce 1891-1924" with humanities experts.

Because of her spirit, energy, dedication and commitment, Sara Kenney Walker, elementary physical education specialist at **Claxton Elementary**, received the 2007 Project Fit America All Star Teacher of the Year award.

Mike Moser of **Kernodle Middle** was chosen as the 2009 National SAVE Advisor of the Year. SAVE, which stands for Students Against Violence Everywhere, selected Moser because of his outstanding leadership and guidance.

Sarah Joy Daniels of **Grimsley High** was named the Rookie Teacher of the Year by GCS and the Guilford Education Alliance. She also was named the Secondary Rookie Teacher of the Year. Along with the Rookie Teacher of the Year honor, Daniels received \$500 and a scholarship to pursue a master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The Elm-Eugene Wal Mart Supercenter named **Frazier Elementary's** Janet Glenn the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. In recognition of her 20 years of dedicated service to second-graders, Glenn received a \$100 gift card. Wal Mart also presented Frazier with \$1,000.

Our Students Show Intelligence Plus Character

Millis Road Elementary second-grader Lauren Easter received the **National Award of Excellence** in the PTA Reflections competition for her original music composition, "Wow is everywhere."

Sam McLamb, an eighth-grader at **Jamestown Middle**, was one of only eight students in eight nations to receive the **2008-09 Kiwanis International Leadership Award**. Sam was named the Carolinas District Leadership award winner at their annual retreat last April.

Students and faculty at the **GCS Newcomers School** planted a sustainable garden on the school's campus. The "**Community in Peace Gardens**" is rooted in the belief that gardening supports the well-being of the entire school community. While helping with the garden, students learn about life cycles, ecosystems, species diversity, environmental pollution and food economics.

Murphey Traditional Academy Principal Rich Thomae promised his students he would kiss a live chicken if they helped make Murphey one of the top three elementary schools for attendance in 2008-09. After reaching highs as much as 98 percent in attendance, students were rewarded, and the principal not only kissed a chicken, but he wore a chicken suit and led the students in the chicken dance.

Weaver Academy student Shatahra Jordan performed two complex and lengthy poems to win first place in the district-level "Poetry Out Loud" competition. She also represented GCS at the regional competition in Raleigh. "Poetry Out Loud" is a national contest for youth created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation to encourage poetry as an oral art form.

Every year, **Jones Elementary** students give back to children during the holiday months through school-wide service projects. Each class collects non-perishable items, coins and plastic containers of peanut butter and 100 percent fruit juice. With the donations, Jones purchased turkeys for families in need.

Elizabeth Rodenbough, a 2009 graduate of **Grimsley High**, was one of only three students statewide to be named a 2009 Presidential Scholar. Rodenbough received a Presidential Scholars medallion and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend recognition events. In addition, she was accompanied by the teacher who Rodenbough felt had the greatest impact on her success.

