



Southeastern Region at a Glance

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- **Seventeen** elementary schools, including **six** magnet programs featuring communications, leadership, performing arts, Montessori and International Baccalaureate Primary Years
- **Four** middle schools, including a performing arts and global studies magnet
- **Four** high schools, including a **middle college** that offers small class sizes in a college setting
- **One** alternative school serves exceptional children



Rising to Academic Excellence

For improving student achievement through sound educational practices, community outreach and collaborative relationships, **Eastern High** received the third annual **Hubert B. Humphrey, Jr. School Improvement Award**. The award, worth \$10,000, will be used to strengthen and develop the entire school staff.

Erwin Montessori was named a **School of Excellence** and was among five of the district's magnet and choice schools to be recognized by Magnet Schools of America in 2009.

Southeast High, Eastern High and **Southern High** were included in the 2009 edition of **Newsweek's list of top high schools**.

Vicki Simmons, adapted physical education teacher at **Gateway Education Center**, was named **Adapted P.E. Teacher of the Year** by the N.C. Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Two and a half years after the original school burned in a devastating fire, the doors to the new **Eastern High** opened to students in April 2009. The school incorporates the best of the district's **energy-saving, "green" building** plans.

The **Southeast High** robotics team won the **North Carolina FIRST Tech Challenge** and earned a spot to compete in the 2009 FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship.

Dr. Deborah E. Parker, principal of **Erwin Montessori**, was the GCS nominee for **Magnet Principal of the Year**, which recognizes outstanding school leaders who succeed in providing innovative programs that promote equity, diversity and academic excellence for students in magnet schools.

The **Southeastern Region** made **double digit gains** in the percentage of students proficient on EOG reading and science tests for 2008-09. Of the region's 26 schools, 19 met Adequate Yearly Progress.

Katie White, **Erwin Montessori** life skills teacher, was selected as the **ARC Educator of the Year**.



Programs That Make a Difference

Bluford Elementary, a **communications magnet** school, places special emphasis on writing, speaking and critical thinking. The school has a literary magazine and video and radio production hardware.

The **International Baccalaureate** Primary Years Programme at **Falkener Elementary** is committed to providing inquiry-based learning and international awareness.

Hampton Leadership Academy is a year-round school with a focus on **developing the leaders of tomorrow**.

Students experience learning through the **arts** while gaining the independence and **self-discovery** at **Peeler Open School**.

Washington Montessori provides a **personalized approach** to learning, recognizing that each child learns with a unique style and pace.

The **Southern High Academy of Education and Advanced Sciences** gives highly motivated students a head start on future career goals in **medicine, agriscience and education**.

High school students attend **class in a small setting** and can earn college credit at **The Middle College at GTCC-Greensboro**.

Our Students Show Intelligence Plus Character

Graduating seniors from high schools in the Southeastern Region earned almost **\$11 million in academic and athletic scholarships** in 2009.

Kendi Harris from **Alamance Elementary** was the girl's elementary winner of the **Fastest Kid** competition held by Nike Outdoor Nationals and the National Scholastic Sports Foundation.

Students at **Vandalia Elementary** provided **400 bagged lunches** to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Potter's House in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

During the 2008-09 school year, students at **Gibsonville Elementary** **read about 18,000 books and 68 million words** through the Accelerated Reader program. The school celebrated reaching its goal by hosting a Radio Disney dance party.

Erwin Montessori students, teachers and parents embraced the opening of a day center for the homeless by delivering **a collection of toiletries and letters of encouragement** to the Interactive Resource Center at Bessemer United Methodist Church.

The Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) group at **Southeast Middle** gave **gift bags to teachers** in the Visiting International Faculty program who were away from home during the holidays.

Southeast High's NJROTC is the 2008-09 **Most Improved NJROTC unit** for Area 6 (North and South Carolina).

Sumner Elementary students **collected loose change** in a fundraiser for the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro.

