



# Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
June 20, 2024	Recognition Item 4

Title
K-5 State Science Fair
Requested Action
School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Students Earning Top Honors at State Science Fair
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>Twenty-six CCSD students, after earning high honors at regional competition to advance, placed in the top three in their category at the annual Georgia College K-5 State Science Fair recently held at Georgia College &amp; State University.</p> <p>CCSD students also earned numerous additional prestigious statewide honors including both the Overall Grand Prize for Clark Creek ES STEM Academy rising sixth-grader Pranav Vasishta and Best of Show honors for Bascomb ES rising sixth-grader Hudson Gillentine!</p> <p>CCSD students additionally earned special \$50 awards sponsored by Cobb EMC/Gas South and special awards ranging from \$25 to \$50 from Cherokee County Water &amp; Sewerage Authority (CCWSA). Cobb EMC/Gas South also generously sponsored the state fair registrations for all of CCSD's participating students.</p>
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
List of Science Fair Winners
Source of Additional Information
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## CCSD Elementary School State Science Fair Winners

### CCSD Grand Category State Winners

- Caroline Field, Grade 5, Johnston ES, teacher Susan Turco;
- Hudson Gillentine, Grade 5, Bascomb ES, teacher Jennifer Mendenhall: Additional honor: Best of Show – Elementary, Excellence in Material Science Research, second place in STEM Design Challenge “Lift-Off Rockets” and Sponsor Award: Cobb EMC/Gas South;
- Nora Porcello, Grade 5, Bascomb ES, teacher Jennifer Mendenhall. Additional honors: Best of Life Sciences, second place in STEM Design Challenge “Lift-Off Rockets” and Sponsor Awards: Cobb EMC/Gas South and CCWSA; and,
- Pranav Vasishta, Grade 5, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, teacher Karen Garland. Additional honors: Overall Grand Prize and Excellence in Mathematics Research.

### CCSD First-Place State Winners

- Jake Allard, Grade 5, Macedonia ES, teacher Georgia Knowlton. Additional honors: Excellence in Agricultural Research;
- Luke Buchanan, Grade 5, Hickory Flat ES, teacher Karina Dean. Additional honors: Sponsor Award: Cobb EMC/Gas South;
- Arlo Falconer, Grade 3, Johnston ES, teacher Susan Turco;
- Rishabh Pandya, Grade 5, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, teacher Karen Garland. Additional honors: third place in STEM Design Challenge “Lift-Off Rockets”;
- Hannah Prosba and Makenna Seckington, Grade 3, Little River ES, teacher Shaniqua Young; and,
- Darhshan Ramprabu and Gow Ramprabu, Grades 5 and 4, Hickory Flat ES, teacher Karina Dean. Additional honors: Sponsor Award: CCWSA.

### CCSD Second-Place State Winners

- Ananya Das, Grade 4, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, teacher Karen Garland. Additional honors: third place in STEM Design Challenge “Lift-Off Rockets”;
- Rex Huffer, Grade 3, Boston ES, teacher Susan Stringfellow;
- Elijah Mullins, Grayson Pressley and Kingston Te, Grade 5, Little River ES, teacher Shaniqua Young. Additional honors: second place in STEM Design Challenge “Parachute Design”;
- Tyler Nastasi, Grade 5, Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy, teacher Georgia Knowlton. Additional honors: Excellence in Earth Science;
- Callan O’Leary, Grade 5, R.M. Moore ES STEM Academy, teacher Leo Pilla;
- Carter Salamone, Grade 4, Avery ES, teacher Katherine Wallace; and,
- Addie Taylor and Emma Kate Wyatt, Grade 5, Macedonia ES, teacher Georgia Knowlton.

### CCSD Third-Place State Winners

- JR Calhoun, Grade 4, Liberty ES, teacher Julia Jones. Additional honors: Sponsor Awards: Cobb EMC/Gas South and CCWSA;
- Shane Moffitt and Tristan Castillejos, Grade 5, Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy, teacher Georgia Knowlton. Additional honors: Best of Health & Medical Sciences; and,
- Ethan Pavsner, Grade 5, Woodstock ES, teacher Kirsten Kern.