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John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School earns two statewide accountability awards

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School earned two 2025 Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) Silver awards from the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement on April 27, 2026. Davidson is one of 290 schools given these recognitions for achieving the greatest gains and highest performance on state accountability measures.

“This recognition reflects the hard work and commitment of our students, teachers, staff and families,” said Dr. Renee Kelly, principal of John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School. “At Davidson, we strive to create an environment where students are challenged academically while also being supported creatively and personally. We are proud to see those efforts recognized at the state level.”

The SSAS awards recognize schools across Georgia for excellence in academic performance and improvement over time. Schools are recognized across four tiers — Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze — with recipients selected using College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) data from the three most recent school years. In the most recent CCRPI reports, Davidson consistently outpaced state averages in content mastery and readiness, maintaining the high scores necessary to qualify for the Silver tier in both performance categories.

“Receiving recognition in both categories is an outstanding accomplishment for John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School,” said Dr. Malinda Cobb, superintendent of the Richmond County School System. “They are an incredibly dedicated school community. We are proud of the example Davidson sets as a high performing school.”

These awards are presented annually to highlight consistent improvement in Georgia’s public schools. While hundreds of schools are eligible for evaluation, the rigorous three-year data requirement ensures only the top-performing campuses in the state to receive SSAS honors.

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