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Two CCPS High Schools Named Among Top High Schools in Georgia

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to announce that Elite Scholars Academy (ESA) and Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts (Stilwell SOA) have been selected for inclusion among Georgia’s top high schools by the United States News & World Report.

The U.S. News & World Report is an American media company that publishes news, opinion, consumer advice, rankings, and analysis. Founded as a newsweekly magazine in 1933, U.S. News is best known for its influential “Best Colleges” and “Best Hospitals” rankings, but it has expanded its content and product offerings in education, health, money, careers, travel, and cars.

Included in the publications annual list of “Best High Schools in Georgia”, Elite Scholars and Stilwell each earned a silver medal which is based on data reflecting the preparation of students for college. A key element in this consideration is participating in and passing Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate tests. Earning a silver medal also reflects that a school’s students do well on statewide tests and graduate at high rates.

ESA and Stilwell SOA ranked 33rd and 36th, respectively, in Georgia. In addition, each school earned spots among the top 1,350 High Schools nationwide—more than 20,500 public high schools are evaluated annually by the U.S. News. Touting improved rankings from 2017, both schools had near-perfect graduation rates during the 2016-2017 school year. Previously, Elite Scholars Academy ranked 41st in Georgia while Stilwell School of the Arts ranked 37th statewide.

“This is exciting news for these schools, our school district and community,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent of Schools. “Earning placement on this annual report is indicative of their students, teachers, support staff and leaderships’ dedication to excellence and commitment to high performance. We are very proud of Elite Scholars Academy and Stilwell School of the Arts for establishing a path which our other schools will undoubtedly follow as we continue to raise the bar for our school system and continually improve student academic success,” he added.

To view the complete “Best High Schools in Georgia” annual report, please click the following link:
<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/georgia/rankings>

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