



## 2015 Breakout Schools

The Breakout Schools Award is designed to identify, recognize, and showcase Georgia middle schools that are high achieving or dramatically improving student achievement. GASSP will accept applications from middle schools throughout Georgia. Applications are due to GASSP by September 11, 2015. Winners will be notified by October 17, 2015 as well as receive one complimentary registration to the GASSP Fall Conference in Savannah where our Distinguished School winners will be announced.

To nominate a school, complete the attached application and submit to GASSP by **September 11, 2015**. Submitted applications should be submitted in one PDF file. A committee from the GASSP will review all applications and determine the state winners. Winning schools will receive up to \$1,000 for their school. Please note: Previous Distinguished School winners must wait three years/cycles before applying again. This allows others the opportunity for recognition.

### Application Process

Your application will be compiled of a school narrative and a description paired with evidence of implemented strategies that fall under three core areas. Selection criteria are based on a school's documented success in implementing strategies aligned with the three core areas of *Breaking Ranks II* for middle level and high schools that have led to improved student achievement. Please describe how your school addresses and supports the following core ideas: (provide evidence and documentation for each core area listed)

1. Collaborative leadership: professional learning communities, shared leadership, and student and staff leadership development;
2. Personalization: attention to all students, mentoring, and school/community connections;
3. Curriculum, instruction, and assessment: access to rigorous coursework for all students, differentiated instruction with multiple assessments, data-based decision making, and opportunities for career development.

In addition, applicants should include a narrative discussing their school's data. This portion can be no more than one page. Application Deadline: **September 11, 2015.**

### ***Application***

Please complete and submit in one PDF file:

- Full Name of School:
- Principal's Name:
- School Address:
- School Phone: School Fax:
- E-Mail Address:
- Enrollment of School: Grades:
- Membership: GASSP District: (Applicants MUST be a member of GASSP)
- District Director Name:

### **School Narrative and Data (1 page)**

Please attach supporting documentation for each of these three core ideas, with a minimum of two pieces of evidence per core idea, but no more than ten total pieces of evidence per core idea. Evidence should immediately follow each of your three responses. Please confine each core area response to no more than one page. Font should be no smaller than 11 points.

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Submit completed application to: [m.callahan@gassp.org](mailto:m.callahan@gassp.org)