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ALEXANDER II MAGNET SCHOOL NAMED NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR SECOND TIME IN A DECADE

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(MACON, GA) – The Bibb County School District is excited to announce that Alexander II Magnet School was named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School today by the U.S. Department of Education. This marks the second time in a decade that the school has received the distinction. Alexander II was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2006.

“We are so excited to receive this prestigious achievement award. Alexander II strives each day to provide students with an environment that encourages learning, growth and respect for all,” said Alexander II Magnet School Principal Bertha Caldwell.

“We are very proud of what Alexander II's students have accomplished: an outstanding recognition for an outstanding school with an outstanding staff. This is a great day for Alexander II and the Bibb County School District,” said Superintendent Dr. Curtis L. Jones Jr.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award plaque affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The award flag gracing a school's building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

All schools are recognized in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

- *Exemplary High Performing Schools* are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Student subgroup performance and high school graduation rates are also at the highest levels.

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*Vision: Each student demonstrates strength of character and is college or career ready.
Mission: The Bibb County School District will develop a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.*

- *Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools* are among their state’s highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school’s subgroups and all students over the past five years. Student subgroup performance and high school graduation rates for each subgroup are at high levels.

“I commend these eight schools for their outstanding student performance,” said State School Superintendent Richard Woods. “We have many schools that are doing a great job preparing students for a bright future, but these schools rose to the top and are very deserving of this recognition.”

Historically, Alexander II is a four-time Georgia School of Excellence recipient (1984, 1993, 2001 and 2011). The school received the Silver Award Excellence in Education through the Georgia Department of Education in 2005, 2006 and 2008. Alexander II received the Bronze Award (2007) through Georgia’s Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) for having 95 percent of its student body meeting and/or exceeding standards on the Criterion Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT). In 2009, Alexander II earned the distinct pleasure of being named a Title I Distinguished School. Since 2012, the Georgia Department of Education has designated Alexander II Magnet School as a Reward School – Highest Performing School, which identifies the school as a Title I school among the 5 percent of Title I schools in the state that has the highest absolute performance over three years for the “all students” group on the statewide assessments.

The U.S. Department of Education will honor 285 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 9-10 in Washington, D.C. In its 33-year history, the [National Blue Ribbon Schools Program](#) has bestowed this coveted award on more than 8,000 of America’s schools.

2015 GEORGIA BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

Public

Alexander II Math & Science Magnet, Bibb County
KIPP STRIVE Academy, Atlanta Public Schools
Hoboken Elementary, Brantley County
Clairemont Elementary, City Schools of Decatur
Johns Creek Elementary, Forsyth County
Davidson Fine Arts, Richmond County
Esther F. Garrison School of Visual and Performing Arts, Savannah-Chatham County
Rosemont Elementary School, Troup County

Private

First Presbyterian Day School

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