



## **2020 Breakout Middle 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 28, 2020. Winners will be notified by October 19, 2020, 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 28, 2020**. 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.

***Schools are required to be a member of GASSP. Schools must have had at least the last two consecutive years as a GASSP member.***

***Each winning school will be a presenter at the Fall Conference.***

## 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:

### ***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:

#### **A. School Narrative and Data (Two pages here)**

**Covid-19 conditions and testing waivers resulted in changes to data reporting and availability. Historical data and other data collected during the 2019-2020 school year can be used. Please clarify sources and administration dates. As part of your narrative, discuss how you and your school addressed the three core ideas listed below during these new and changing times.**

- B. Please attach supporting documentation for the following 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 idea response to no more than one page. Font should be no smaller than 11 points, single or double spaced.**

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Submit completed application to: [alan.long@gassp.org](mailto:alan.long@gassp.org)