

News Release

**ROCKDALE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (RCPS) ACHIEVES
ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR
AS GRADUATION RATE CLIMBS**

Conyers, GA – Rockdale County Public Schools has met the state and federal requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the sixth consecutive year! Furthermore, 100% of the schools within the district achieved AYP. In addition, the system has reached its highest graduation rate of 86% as explained in a separate press release. “We are extremely proud of our students, teachers, administrators, staff and parents for continuing to meet and exceed federal accountability measures,” says Superintendent Dr. Samuel King. “We are especially thrilled for our high schools as reports show that only a small number of high schools across the state and nation have met these requirements. Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) rose significantly in all academic areas this year, making it difficult for many schools to reach the goals. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of our entire faculty and staff who work tirelessly to ensure each child is prepared for the next level and beyond. We want all of our students to embrace learning and have the ability to reach their highest academic potential and the necessary skills to reach their dreams.”

AYP is an accountability measurement that was established in 2001 as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. It is determined by test participation, daily student attendance and the Criterion-Reference Competency Test (CRCT) results from elementary and middle schools. For high school, it is based on test participation, the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) results for eleventh graders, and the high school graduation rate. Each school as a whole and each qualifying subgroup must meet the state’s Annual Measureable Objective (AMO) regarding the percentage of students meeting or exceeding on state assessments in Reading/English Language Arts and Mathematics and must have a participation rate of at least 95%.

For more information on the No Child Left Behind Act and Adequate Yearly Progress, please visit the Georgia Department of Education web site at www.gadoe.org.

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