

Calculation Guide for Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) Awards

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As mandated by O.C.G.A § 20-14-37 and State Board of Education (SBOE) Rule 160-7-1-.01, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) develops award criteria under the Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) and presents them for approval to the SBOE. Awards are given to schools with high academic performance and/or high academic growth. Award-winning schools receive certificates, which reflect the award type and tier. This guide lists the criteria GOSA uses to determine recipients of the Greatest Gains and Highest Performing awards. GOSA uses data from the three most recent years for which data are available. For example, the 2024 awards will use data from 2018-19, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years.

Greatest Gains Awards

Steps for Calculation

1. Drop elementary schools or schools with elementary grades that do not have elementary Progress scores in all three years.¹
2. Drop middle schools or schools with middle school grades that do not have middle school Progress scores in all three years.
3. Drop high schools or schools with high school grades that do not have high school Progress scores in all three years.
4. Generate a three-year average of the Progress score. If a school spans grade clusters, use the weighted average based on Student Record enrollment.
5. Generate a percentile rank based on the three-year average of the Progress score.²
6. Assign the following awards:
 - a. Platinum: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 99.
 - b. Gold: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 97 but less than 99.
 - c. Silver: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 95 but less than 97.
 - d. Bronze: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 93 but less than 95.
7. Remove the award if:

¹ For schools that span grade clusters, do not remove based on this criterion if a grade band Progress score is missing due to low grade band enrollment ($n < 15$) and a Progress score exists in other grade bands. This exception applies to steps two through four.

² GOSA uses the following calculation for percentiles:

1. Rank all of the observations in terms of the three-year average of the progress score from lowest to highest.
2. Determine the total number of observations that have a three-year average of the progress score.
3. For each school, divide the school's rank by the total number of observations and multiply by 100. Round this number to the nearest whole number.
4. Following these steps generates a percentile rank ranging from 0-100.



- a. The school's CCRPI Single Score in the third year (2023-24) decline by more than 10 points compared to its score in the first year (2018-19).
- b. For schools that span grade clusters, the average Progress score for each grade cluster is not above the 75th percentile for that grade cluster.
- c. The school is on Georgia Promise Scholarship Public School List and GaDOE's Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)/Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) lists during the current year.

Highest Performing Awards

Steps for Calculation

1. Drop elementary schools or schools with elementary grades that do not have elementary Content Mastery scores in all three years.³
2. Drop middle schools or schools with middle school grades that do not have middle school Content Mastery scores in all three years.
3. Drop high schools or schools with high school grades that do not have high school Content Mastery scores in all three years.
4. Drop elementary schools or schools with elementary grades that do not have elementary Closing Gaps scores in all applicable years.⁴
5. Drop middle schools or schools with middle school grades that do not have middle school Closing Gaps scores in all applicable years.
6. Drop high schools or schools with high school grades that do not have high school Closing Gaps scores in all applicable years.
7. Generate a three-year average of the Content Mastery score. If a school spans grade clusters, use the weighted average based on Student Record enrollment.
8. Generate a percentile rank based on the three-year average of the Content Mastery score.⁵
9. Assign the following awards:
 - a. Platinum: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 99.
 - b. Gold: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 97 but less than 99.
 - c. Silver: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 95 but less than 97.
 - d. Bronze: The percentile rank is greater than or equal to 93 but less than 95.
10. If a school is in the Platinum or Gold category and earns a CCRPI Single Score of less than 90 in one of the three years, reassign it to the Silver category.

³ For schools that span grade clusters, do not remove based on this criterion if a grade band Content Mastery score is missing due to low grade band enrollment ($n < 15$) and a Content Mastery score exists in other grade bands. This exception applies to steps two through four.

⁴ For schools that span grade clusters, do not remove based on this criterion if a grade band Closing Gaps score is missing due to low grade band enrollment ($n < 15$) and a Closing Gaps score exists in other grade bands. This exception applies to steps five through seven. Closing Gaps scores will be averaged across three years as additional years of data become available. This criterion applies to steps five through seven.

⁵ See footnote three for this calculation.



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11. If a school is in the Silver or Bronze category and earns a CCRPI Single Score of less than 80 in one of the three years, remove it from the award list.
12. If a school spans grade clusters, use the weighted average of the Closing Gaps score based on Student Record enrollment.
13. Remove the award if:
 - a. The school's average Closing Gaps score is less than or equal to the 75th percentile.
 - b. The school's CCRPI Single Score in the third year (2023-24) decline by more than 10 points compared to its score in the first year (2018-19).
 - c. The school is on Georgia Promise Scholarship Public School List and GaDOE's Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)/Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) lists during the current year.

