

2023-2024 Math Leaders Criteria

The 2023-2024 Math Leader Awards are offered for both growth and achievement. Fifth and eighth grades are the “gateway grades” for the Math Leaders award. Schools must earn at least one fifth- or eighth-grade growth or achievement award to be eligible for awards in other grade levels. Awards are also offered at the high-school level based on the Algebra: Concepts & Connections EOC, which is the state test for mathematics in high school.

Gateway Achievement (5th & 8th Grade and High School):

Schools earned this award when the percentage of fifth-grade, eighth-grade, or high-school students scoring Proficient or Above in mathematics was 90 percent or higher, based on the 2023-2024 Georgia Milestones assessments

Gateway Growth (5th & 8th Grade and High School):

Schools earned this award when the percentage of fifth-grade, eighth-grade, or high school students scoring Proficient or Above in mathematics increased according to the tiered growth criteria below:

- Schools with fewer than 50% of students in the identified grade or course scoring Proficient or Above in mathematics in 2023-24 needed a 15-point or higher increase compared to the 2022-23 Georgia Milestones assessment
- Schools with at least 50 but less than 70% of students in the identified grade or course scoring Proficient or Above in mathematics in 2023-24 needed a 10-point or higher increase
- Schools with at least 70 but less than 90% of students in the identified grade or course scoring Proficient or Above in mathematics in 2023-24 needed a 5-point or higher increase
- Schools with at least 90 but less than 98% of students in the identified grade or course scoring Proficient or Above in mathematics in 2023-24 needed a 3-point or higher increase

Additional Awards for Achievement (Other Grade Levels):

Schools which qualified for a Gateway Growth or Gateway Achievement award in 5th or 8th grade where the percentage of third-, fourth-, sixth-, or seventh-grade students scoring



Proficient or Above in mathematics was also 90 percent or higher, based on the 2023-2024 Georgia Milestones assessments

Schools are only eligible for these additional awards if they first qualified for a Gateway Growth or Gateway Achievement award.

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Outstanding Achievement:

An add-on recognition for schools receiving an Achievement award at any grade level, awarded when the percentage of students in the identified grade or course scoring Proficient or Above in mathematics in 2023-24 was 98 percent or higher