Maryland’s education reform agenda focuses on improving all levels of student achievement, including the achievement of students who are advanced/gifted and talented.

Building on a strong foundation of gifted and talented education programs and services currently offered in our schools, in 2010, we began recognizing those schools that are models of excellence.

The Maryland State Department of Education and the State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education initiated the Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) School Awards Program. This recognition program honors elementary, middle, and high schools that offer gifted and talented programs aligned with the objectives and criteria of the Maryland Criteria for Excellence: Gifted and Talented Program Guidelines and Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.04.07 Gifted and Talented Education

Each EGATE school submitted a comprehensive application, which provided documentation of twenty-one different criteria under four program objectives. The EGATE schools were recognized with Governor’s proclamations at a February reception, proudly display the EGATE banner, hosted celebratory visits, and serve as models for other schools seeking to achieve EGATE status. In the first ten years of the program, 83 schools have earned the distinction, of which there were 64 different schools from ten local school systems earned the EGATE designation. Nineteen schools have earned that designation twice.

**2019 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools**

1. Belvedere Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Tara Lambden, Principal
2. Edgewater Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Kellie Schell-Ramey, Principal
3. Pasadena Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Jennifer Quirino, Principal
4. Roland Park Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Amanda Brown, Principal (2014)
5. Northwest Middle School, Carroll County Public Schools, Scott Lavender, Principal (2013)
6. Accokeek Academy, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Dr. Judy Adams, Principal (2012)
7. Benjamin Tasker Middle School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Dr. Kendra Hill, Principal
8. Greenbelt Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Dr. Monica Gaines, Principal (2014)
9. Heather Hills Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Nema Manuel, Principal (2012)
10. Mattaponi Elementary/Middle School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Stephen Green, Principal (2013)
11. Pointer Ridge Elementary/Middle School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Dr. Mary Stephenson, Principal
12. Valley View Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Kimberly Pettway, Principal (2011)
13. Walker Mill Middle School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Erin Cribbs, Principal (2011)

**2018 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools**

1. Central Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Kirk Greubel, Principal (2013)
2. Davidsonville Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Colleen Harris, Principal (2013)
3. Folger McKinsey Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Lenora Fox, Principal
4. Baltimore International Academy, Baltimore City Public Schools, Elena Lokounia, Principal
5. Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women, Baltimore City Schools, Tanea Moore, Christina Easton, Principals
6. Belmont Elementary School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Tiffany Etheridge, Principal
7. Federal Hill Preparatory School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Sara Long, Principal
8. Glenmount Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Benjamin Mosley, Principal
9. Hampden Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Dr. Katrina Foster, Principal
10. North Bend Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Patricia Burrell, Principal
11. Woodbourne Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Shontel Douglas, Principal
12. Capitol Heights Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Nina Lattimore, Principal (2013)
13. Glenarden Woods Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Cecelia Jones-Bowlding, Principal (2012)
14. Longfields Elementary School, Prince George’s County Schools, Carmen L. Bell, Principal
15. Montpelier Elementary School, Prince George’s County Schools, Carla Furlow, Principal (2011)
16. Vanusville Elementary School, Prince George’s County Schools, Dr. Catherine Dingle, Principal
17. Springfield Elementary School, Washington County Public Schools, Jennifer Ruppenthal, Principal

2017 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools
1. Benfield Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Deborah Short, Principal
2. Shipley’s Choice Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Beth Anne Burke, Principal
3. Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Corey Basmajian, Principal
4. Furman L. Templeton Preparatory Academy, Baltimore City Public Schools, Dr. Evelyn Perry, Principal
5. Moravia Park Elementary, Baltimore City Public Schools, Tadem Daniels, Principal
6. Thomas Jefferson Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, James Dendinger, Principal
7. Williamsport Elementary School, Washington County Public Schools, Dr. Jana E. Palmer, Principal

2016 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools
1. Crofton Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Jazmin Lawhorn, Principal
2. Piney Orchard Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Karen Bailey, Principal (2011)
3. Severna Park Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, R. Lynn Birus, Principal
4. Cecil Elementary School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Roxanne Forr, Principal
5. Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Job Grotsky, Principal
6. Thomas Jefferson Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Angela Kessler-Henry, Principal
7. Dr. James Craik Elementary School, Charles County Public Schools, Penny Nye, Principal (2011)
9. Chevy Chase Elementary School, Montgomery County Public Schools, Jody Smith, Principal
10. Whiteball Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Dr. Jana Palmer, Principal

2015 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools
1. Hamilton Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Patricia Orway-Drummond, Principal
2. Hampstead Hall Academy, Baltimore City Public Schools, J. Matthew Hornbeck, Principal
3. Calverton Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Monique Sloan, Principal
4. Kennoor Middle School, Prince George’s County Public Schools; Maha Fadli, Principal (2010)
5. University Park Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools; Toi Davis, Principal
6. Fountaindale Elementary School for the Arts and Academic Excellence, Washington County Public Schools; Dr. Theresa Williamson, Principal (2010)

2014 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools
1. Cross Country Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Curtis Durham, Principal
2. Roland Park Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools, Nicholas D’Ambrosio, Principal
3. Greenbelt Elementary School, Public Schools, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Monica Gaines, Principal

2013 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools
1. Central Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Janice Haberlein, Principal
2. Davidsonville Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Jean Marie Hofstetter, Principal
3. Folger McKinsey Elementary School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Susan Bachmann, Principal
4. Northwest Middle School, Carroll County Public Schools, Angela McCauslin, Principal
5. Milton Somers Middle School, Charles County Public Schools, Stephanie Wesolowski, Principal
6. Capital Heights Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Herman Whaley, Principal
7. Greenbelt Middle School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Warren Tweedy, Principal
8. Mattapony Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Dr. Janice Hay, Principal
9. Westside Intermediate School, Wicomico County Public Schools, Jason Miller, Principal

2012 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools
1. Chadwick Elementary School, Baltimore County Public Schools, Bonnie Hess, Principal
2. Perry Hall Middle School, Baltimore County Public Schools, Allen Zink, Principal
3. T.C. Martin Elementary School, Charles County Public Schools, Greg Miller, Principal
4. Acroosk Academy, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Judy Adams, Principal
5. Glennarden Woods Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Cecelia Jones-Bowlding, Principal
6. Heather Hills TAG Center, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Patsy Hosch, Principal
7. Rockledge Elementary School, Prince George’s County Public Schools, Kimberley Seidel, Principal
8. *North Salisbury Elementary School*, Wicomico County Public Schools, Ruby L. Brown, Principal

**2011 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools**

1. *Piney Orchard Elementary School*, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Karen Bailey, Principal
2. *Dr. James Craik Elementary School*, Charles County Public Schools, Penny Nye, Principal
4. *Hickory Elementary School*, Harford County Public Schools, Jeanette Jennings, Principal
5. *Prospect Mill Elementary School*, Harford County Public Schools, Chris Cook, Principal
6. *Montpelier Elementary School*, Prince George's County Public Schools, Carla Furlow, Principal
7. *Valley View Elementary School*, Prince George's County Public Schools, JoAnn Spruell, Principal
8. *Walker Mill Middle School*, Prince George's County Public Schools, Gorman Brown, Principal

**2010 Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools**

1. *Halls Cross Roads Elementary School*, Harford County Public Schools; Gwen Benjamin-Jones, Principal
2. *Montgomery Blair High School*, Montgomery County Public Schools; Darryl Williams, Principal
3. *Kenmoor Middle School*, Prince George’s County Public Schools; Maha Fadli, Principal
4. *Emma K. Dorn Integrated Arts and Technology*, Washington County Public Schools; Dr. Elizabeth Donohoe, Principal
5. *Fountaindale Elementary School for the Arts and Academic Excellence*, Washington County Public Schools; Dr. Theresa Williamson, Principal