

Eagle Elite Schools

Introduction – In an essay contest, students have suggested a number of actions schools could take that, in their view, would cause them to study harder. It is hoped that these schools would be interested in building on the suggestions of their students to increase student motivation. The Eagle Elite designation is designed to provide encouragement to schools to take the needed steps to implement those suggestions that fit their school goals.

Purpose – The purpose of the Eagle Elite designation is to support schools in building on student ideas for increasing their motivation to study harder. It is expected that students will have more buy-in to motivational ideas they generate and this will lead to increases in learning and test scores.

Benefits to Participating Schools – Schools that are effective/successful in implementing the suggestions of their students will receive the following:

1. Improved learning and morale by their students
2. Plaque recognizing their achievement
3. Presentation at their board meeting
4. Newspaper article citing their work in the local newspaper
5. Inclusion in an article published at the state level
6. Recognition dinner at Georgia Southern University with President Grube and Dean Cindi Chance presiding

Guidelines

1. Utilize student government to identify student suggestions to increase student motivation to study harder (may well include suggestions of the winning

essay, if your school had an essay winner. Also see list of suggestions from other winning essays which is attached). It is important that suggestions are gained from all students, especially those who may struggle academically.

2. Utilize your school improvement committee to organize implementation. It is suggested that information be gathered before implementation so a comparison after implementation can be made to see if it is effective.

3. Gather information to learn about the effectiveness of the implementation – do students study harder? NOTE – GCER can assist with getting this information.

Implementation Guidelines

1. Complete “Intent to Participate in Eagle Elite Program” form, attached, by February 15.
2. Identify student motivation plan and collect pre-implementation level of motivation by February 28.
3. Begin plan by March 15
4. Collect motivation information by June 1 and notify GCER.
5. Eagle Elite schools will be recognized in October of 2006. A second phase will begin fall of 2006 with recognition in spring, 2007.

Support

1. GCER will meet with school leaders to discuss all aspects of Eagle Elite participation
2. GCER will identify other successful programs/implementation guidelines similar to those suggested by the students of Eagle Elite schools to aid those schools in successful implementation
3. Within its capabilities, GCER will be responsive to any request for assistance