



Office of the State Superintendent of Schools

Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools

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Ms. Lisa D. Whitaker, Director
Georgia Academy of Mathematics, Engineering and Science
Middle Georgia College
1100 Second Street
Cochran, Georgia 31014

Dear Ms. Lisa Whitaker:

This letter serves as approval and support of the Georgia Academy of Aviation, Mathematics, Engineering and Science (GAMES) located on the campus of Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Georgia. GAMES, now in its twelfth year and has served 455 students from 93 Georgia counties.

Although GAMES students reside in separate housing, have separate social regulations, and special counselors, they attend regular college courses with other students at Middle Georgia College. To ensure that students meet all high school graduation requirements and earn diplomas, close contact exists between high school counselors and the Director of GAMES.

With the academic focus on mathematics and science, GAMES personifies the goals outlined in the STEM initiative. To date 42 percent of GAMES students claimed a major in the sciences and pre-health fields; 38 percent claimed a major in mathematics and engineering/physics disciplines.

Thank you for your continuous support and commitment to meeting the needs of all the students of Georgia through GAMES. The partnership that has been established between Middle Georgia College and our state's high schools has created a valuable tool to help us achieve our vision to lead the nation in improving student achievement.

Sincerely,

Kathy Cox
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