



## **Master Teacher Certification Program**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Georgia Master Teacher Certification Program is designed to achieve the goal of providing statewide recognition to certified public school teachers with at least three years of teaching experience in Georgia who consistently demonstrate excellence in the classroom through gains in student achievement. Teachers who meet the criteria for Master Teacher Certification will create the pool from which state-funded Academic Coaches will be selected.

Teachers must apply and secure signatures of the local review team to verify evidence of student achievement that is verified by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement.

### **MASTER TEACHER CERTIFICATION BENEFITS**

The Master Teacher will be a valuable resource for leaders in the state who seek advice regarding educational matters, a knowledgeable group of educators from which state/local committees members can be selected, and a collection of skilled practitioners which can be tapped as professional learning providers at local, regional, state, and national levels. They will be a valuable voice for education in Georgia.

In addition to gaining the teaching profession's recognition, the Master Teacher will receive well-deserved appreciation from other state leaders and citizens. Master Teachers will grow professionally as they participate in a statewide learning community of peers. The school, district, and community that produce and support Master Teachers will be seen by potential residents and/or businesses and industry as a place that values education and has an environment that fosters high expectations for teaching and learning.

### **Columbia County's Master Teachers**

#### **2006**

Kimetha Hampton – Grovetown Middle School  
Kathleen Kohl – Grovetown Middle School

#### **2008**

Sandra Kay Thompson – Stallings Island Middle School  
Jeffrey Dent – Lakeside High School

#### **2009**

Sharon Staples – Evans High School