

**Virginia Department of Education
Office of Program Administration and Accountability**

**National Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program
2011-2012 Application**

Background:

The National Title I Distinguished Schools Program is a program of the National Association of State Title I Directors (NASTID) which provides an opportunity for Title I schools from every state to be publicly recognized for their positive educational achievements.

How It Works:

Each state may select two schools for national recognition, a maximum of one from each of the following categories:

- **Category 1:** School that has exceeded its adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two or more consecutive years (NCLB, Section 1117(b)(1)(B)(ii)); or
- **Category 2:** School that has significantly closed the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years (NCLB, Section 1117(B)(1)(B)(i)).

Selection Criteria:

- Calculated poverty rate of 35 percent or higher for each of the consecutive years indicated;
- Demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years;
- Met or exceeded state standards for making AYP for two or more consecutive years; and
- Fully accredited for the same two or more consecutive years.

Application Requirements:

The application should contain the following:

- school narrative page as described below;
- school participation form in Attachment C; and
- application components as described below.

Application Components:

1. Write a **500 word** description about what makes your school successful – identify programs, partnerships, or anything else that has contributed to the success of your students. This description will be used in the national press release. The narrative must include verification that the school has a 35 percent or higher poverty rate, operates as a targeted assistance or schoolwide delivery model, and has not been a previous recipient of this recognition.
2. Describe the instructional process based on the approved state curriculum for English/language arts and for mathematics. **(one and one-half pages)**
3. Describe the research-based instructional strategies used. **(one page)**
4. Describe the opportunities provided for all students to achieve. **(one and one-half pages)**
5. Describe the coordination of Title I with other programs. **(one-half page)**
6. Describe the implementation of sustained research-based professional development. **(one and one-half pages)**
7. Describe the established partnerships with parents, families, and the communities. **(one-half page)**

Page Requirements:

This application is limited to **seven** pages, including the school narrative page. The pages must have one-inch margins, be double-spaced, and the text must be 11-point font.

Application Due Date:

The 2011-2012 National Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program Application must be electronically submitted to NationalTitleIDistinguishedSchools@doe.virginia.gov and received by **5 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2011**.

Note: No faxed applications will be accepted.

Questions:

Please direct your questions to Gabie Frazier, Title I specialist, at (804) 225-2907 or Gabie.Frazier@doe.virginia.gov.