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Schools & School Divisions Recognized for Raising Achievement of Economically Disadvantaged Students

The Virginia Board of Education is honoring ten public school divisions and 102 schools for raising the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students. The awards are based on student achievement on state assessments during 2008-2009 and the previous school year.

One school division — Lexington Public Schools — received the “Highly Distinguished Title I School Division” designation by exceeding all federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) objectives in reading and mathematics for two consecutive years, narrowing achievement gaps by maintaining or increasing achievement of all students while improving the performance of each subgroup, and meeting other rigorous criteria.

In addition, nine school divisions earned the designation of “Distinguished Title I School Division” by exceeding all NCLB achievement objectives in reading and mathematics for two consecutive years:

- Charlotte County
- Lee County
- Manassas Park
- Mecklenburg County
- Nottoway County
- Radford
- Roanoke County
- Salem
- West Point

The board also recognized 102 schools as “Title I Distinguished Schools” for maintaining full state accreditation under the commonwealth’s Standards of Learning program for two consecutive years, meeting federal benchmarks in reading and mathematics and having average test scores in both subjects at the 60th percentile or higher.

“When provided effective and focused instruction, all children — regardless of economic status — can achieve academic success, and these results confirm that,” said Board of Education President Eleanor B. Saslaw.

“The results of the hard work of thousands of students, teachers, principals and other educators are seen in the increased achievement of students in the honored schools and divisions,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright said.

Each school and division will receive a certificate celebrating its status and achievement. The recognized schools, grouped by division, are as follows:

- Albemarle County: Red Hill Elementary and Stony Point Elementary
- Amherst County: Pleasant View Elementary and Temperance Elementary
- Appomattox County: Appomattox Elementary
- Augusta County: Cassell Elementary
- Botetourt County: Buchanan Elementary and Troutville Elementary

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- Bristol: Washington Lee Elementary
- Carroll County: Fancy Gap Elementary and Oakland Elementary
- Charlottesville: Greenbrier Elementary and Johnson Elementary
- Chesapeake: G.A. Treakle Elementary
- Colonial Heights: Lakeview Elementary and Tussing Elementary
- Danville: Woodrow Wilson Elementary
- Dinwiddie County: Southside Elementary
- Fairfax County: Belvedere Elementary and Pine Spring Elementary
- Falls Church: Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Floyd County: Willis Elementary
- Franklin County: Callaway Elementary, Glade Hill Elementary, Lee M. Waid Elementary and Snow Creek Elementary
- Frederick County: Bass-Hoover Elementary
- Galax: Galax Elementary
- Gloucester County: Thomas C. Walker Elementary
- Goochland County: Byrd Elementary
- Hanover County: Beaverdam Elementary and Elmont Elementary
- Henrico County: Baker Elementary, Dumbarton Elementary and Ridge Elementary
- Henry County: Irisburg Elementary
- Highland County: Highland High
- Isle Of Wight County: Carrsville Elementary
- Lee County: Elk Knob Elementary, Elydale Elementary, Ewing Elementary, Flatwoods Elementary, Rose Hill Elementary, St. Charles Elementary and Stickleysville Elementary
- Lexington: Harrington Waddell Elementary
- Mecklenburg County: Buckhorn Elementary
- Nelson County: Rockfish River Elementary
- Newport News: Joseph H. Saunders Elementary
- Norfolk: Ocean View Elementary
- Northumberland County: Northumberland Elementary
- Patrick County: Woolwine Elementary
- Pittsylvania County: Chatham Elementary
- Powhatan County: Powhatan Elementary
- Prince George County: North Elementary and South Elementary
- Radford: McHarg Elementary
- Richmond: Bellevue Elementary, Fairfield Court Elementary and J.E.B. Stuart Elementary
- Roanoke County: Clearbrook Elementary, Glen Cove Elementary, Green Valley Elementary, Mount Pleasant Elementary and Mountain View Elementary
- Roanoke: Highland Park Elementary
- Rockbridge County: Effinger Elementary
- Rockingham County: Peak View Elementary, Plains Elementary and Pleasant Valley Elementary
- Russell County: Cleveland Elementary and Lebanon Elementary
- Salem: East Salem Elementary and G.W. Carver Elementary
- Scott County: Duffield-Pattonsville Primary, Fort Blackmore Primary, Hilton Elementary, Rye Cove Intermediate, Shoemaker Elementary, Weber City Elementary and Yuma Elementary
- Spotsylvania County: Battlefield Elementary and Harrison Road Elementary
- Staunton: Thomas C. McSwain Elementary and Thomas W. Dixon Elementary
- Tazewell County: Abbs Valley-Boissevain Elementary and Graham Intermediate
- Virginia Beach: W.T. Cooke Elementary

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- Washington County: Greendale Elementary
- West Point: West Point Elementary
- Williamsburg-James City County: Matthew Whaley Elementary and Rawls Byrd Elementary
- Wise County: Coeburn Primary, Powell Valley Primary, St. Paul Elementary and Wise Primary
- York County: Bethel Manor Elementary, Dare Elementary, Grafton Bethel Elementary, Magruder Elementary, Tabb Elementary and Waller Mill Elementary

Title I of ESEA provides funding to school divisions and schools for programs to raise the achievement of students identified as being at risk of academic failure. The federal education law requires schools and school divisions to meet annual objectives for increasing student achievement on statewide assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics. During 2008-2009, 520, or 72 percent, of Virginia's 722 Title I schools met all federal objectives.

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