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

Ten public school divisions and 124 schools are being honored by the Virginia Board of Education for raising the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students. The awards are based on student achievement on state assessments during 2007-2008 and the previous school year.

Three school divisions received the “Highly Distinguished Title I School Division” designation by exceeding all No Child Left Behind (NCLB) achievement objectives in reading and mathematics for two consecutive years, closing the achievement gap by maintaining or increasing performance of all students and by increasing the performance of each subgroup in comparison to all students and meeting other rigorous criteria:

- Buchanan County
- Greenville County
- Nottoway County

The following 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:

- Appomattox County
- Charlotte County
- Lee County
- Mecklenburg County
- Patrick County
- Salem
- West Point

In addition, the board recognized 124 schools as “Title I Distinguished Schools” for maintaining full state accreditation under the commonwealth’s Standards of Learning program for two consecutive years, meeting NCLB benchmarks in reading and mathematics and having average test scores in both subjects at the 60th percentile or higher.

“The successes of the students in these schools and divisions show that all children — regardless of family income — can learn and achieve.” said Board of Education President Mark E. Emblidge.

“Behind each of these awards are educators who have embraced best practices and instructional strategies that have been shown to be effective with at-risk students,” 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 — Paul H. Cale Elementary, Red Hill Elementary, Scottsville Elementary, Stony Point Elementary and Woodbrook Elementary

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- Alleghany County — Boiling Spring Elementary and Sharon Elementary
- Amherst County — Temperance Elementary
- Appomattox County — Appomattox Elementary
- Arlington County — Oakridge Elementary
- Augusta County — Edward G. Clymore Elementary and Wilson Elementary
- Bedford County — Goodview Elementary
- Botetourt County — Breckinridge Elementary and Buchanan Elementary
- Bristol — Stonewall Jackson Elementary, Joseph Van Pelt Elementary and Washington-Lee Elementary
- Carroll County — Fancy Gap Elementary and Gladesboro Elementary
- Charlotte County — Bacon District Elementary
- Charlottesville — Greenbrier Elementary
- Chesapeake — Camelot Elementary and G. A. Treakle Elementary
- Colonial Heights — Lakeview Elementary and Tussing Elementary
- Covington — Edgemont Primary
- Culpeper County — Farmington Elementary
- Danville — Woodrow Wilson Elementary
- Dinwiddie County — Southside Elementary
- Fairfax County — Belvedere Elementary, Pine Spring Elementary and Sleepy Hollow Elementary
- Falls Church — Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Franklin County — Callaway Elementary, Glade Hill Elementary, Lee M. Waid Elementary and Snow Creek Elementary
- Galax — Galax Elementary
- Gloucester County — Achilles Elementary and Thomas C. Walker Elementary
- Goochland County — Byrd Elementary
- Hanover County — Elmont Elementary
- Henrico County — Dumbarton Elementary
- Henry County — Rich Acres Elementary
- Isle of Wight County — Carrsville Elementary and Hardy Elementary
- Lee County — Elydale Elementary, Ewing Elementary and St. Charles Elementary
- Lexington — Harrington Waddell Elementary
- Lynchburg — Paul Munro Elementary
- Martinsville — Patrick Henry Elementary
- Mecklenburg County — Buckhorn Elementary, Chase City Elementary, Clarksville Elementary, LaCrosse Elementary and South Hill Elementary
- Montgomery County — Auburn Elementary
- Nelson County — Rockfish River Elementary
- Newport News — George J. McIntosh Elementary and Joseph H. Saunders Elementary
- Norfolk — Ocean View Elementary
- Northumberland County — Northumberland Elementary
- Nottoway County — Burkeville Elementary
- Page County — Luray Elementary
- Patrick County — Stuart Elementary and Woolwine Elementary
- Pittsylvania County — Chatham Elementary and John L. Hurt Elementary
- Portsmouth — Churchland Primary & Intermediate
- Powhatan County — Pocahontas Elementary

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- Prince George County — L.L. Beazley Elementary and South Elementary
- Prince William County — Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary and Loch Lomond Elementary
- Richmond — Fairfield Court Elementary, J.E.B. Stuart Elementary and Linwood Holton Elementary
- Roanoke County — Clearbrook Elementary, Glen Cove Elementary, Green Valley Elementary and Mount Pleasant Elementary
- Rockingham County — Mountain View Elementary, Peak View Elementary, Plains Elementary and South River Elementary
- Russell County — Belfast Elk Garden Elementary and Cleveland Elementary
- Salem — East Salem Elementary and G.W. Carver Elementary
- Scott County — Duffield-Pattonsville Primary, Fort Blackmore Primary, Hilton Elementary, Nickelsville 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
- Tazewell County — Abbs Valley-Boissevain Elementary, Cedar Bluff Elementary and Graham Intermediate
- Virginia Beach — Green Run Elementary, Rosemont Elementary and W.T. Cooke Elementary
- Washington County — Greendale Elementary, High Point Elementary, Rhea Valley Elementary and Valley Institute Elementary
- West Point — West Point Elementary
- Williamsburg-James City County — Matthew Whaley Elementary
- Wise County — Coeburn Primary, Powell Valley Primary, St. Paul Elementary and Wise Primary
- Wythe County — Sheffey Elementary
- York County — Bethel Manor Elementary, Dare Elementary, Magruder Elementary, Tabb Elementary and Waller Mill Elementary

Title I of NCLB 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 2007-2008, 531, or 75 percent, of Virginia's 711 Title I schools met all NCLB objectives.

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