
Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition

The Background:

The *Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program* is a project of the National Association of State Title I Directors. It provides an opportunity for Title I schools from every state to be publicly recognized for positive educational achievements. The National Title I Schools were recognized at the National Title I Conference in Tampa, Florida, in January 2011.

The purpose of the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is to identify schools that are ensuring that all children have access to effective instructional strategies and challenging academic content; and that are demonstrating success in ensuring that all children, particularly educationally deprived children, make significant progress toward learning that content.

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 for two or more years NCLB, Section 1117(b)(1)(B)(ii); and,
- Category 2: School that has significantly closed the achievement gap between students groups NLCB, Section 1117(b)(1)(B)(i).

Selected schools must have a poverty rate of at least 35% for the selected year and meet these two criteria:

- Demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years; and;
- Met or exceeded state standards for making adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two or more consecutive years.

Four schools in Tennessee have been recognized as Title I Distinguished Schools for 2010-2011, two national awardees and two state awardees.

National Title I Closing the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups

Hollis F. Price
Memphis City Schools
Daphne Beasley, Principal
807 Walker Avenue
Memphis, TN 38126

National Title I Exceptional Student Performance

South Greene High School
Greene County Schools
Cindy Bowman, Principal
7469 Asheville Highway
Greeneville, TN 37743

State Title I Closing the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups

North Greene High School
Greene County Schools
Dr. Vicki Kirk
4675 Old Baileyton
Greeneville, TN 37745

State Title I Exceptional Student Performance

A.H. Roberts Elementary
Overton County Schools
Matt Eldridge, Principal
302 Zachary Street
Livingston, TN 38570

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the Board's Master Plan by providing access to a high-quality curriculum in schools with academically at-risk students to reach proficiency on state content standards as measured by state academic assessments.

It supports quality teaching since these schools are unique and share common characteristics of dedicated staff, effective community, and parental engagement as well as excellent district and school leadership.

The Recommendation:

For informational purposes only; no action required.