
Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition

The Background:

Through the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, the U.S. Department of Education annually recognizes elementary, middle, and high schools based on outstanding academic achievement and gap closure. Since its inception in 1982, more than 7,500 schools across the country have received this coveted award.

The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing an entry or flying overhead is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

States are invited to nominate a set number of schools for recognition as Blue Ribbon Schools based on very specific criteria defined by the U.S. Department of Education. Nominated schools must then successfully complete an intensive application process, which is reviewed for approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Blue Ribbon Schools are recognized in two award categories. The first is for “Exemplary High Performing” schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement in the top of 15% of the state. The second is for “Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing” schools that make the greatest advances in closing subgroup achievement.

Tennessee had six public schools recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015. These schools were recognized with other National Blue Ribbon Schools in Washington, D.C., in November 2015.

Tennessee’s 2015 Blue Ribbon Schools recognized for **Exemplary High Performance** are:

Clovercroft Elementary School

9336 Clovercroft Road

Franklin, TN 37067

Laura LaChance - Principal*

Williamson County Schools

*Ms. LaChance was the principal at the time this recognition was received

Middle College High School

750 E. Parkway South

Memphis, TN 38104

Docia Generette-Walker - Principal

Shelby County Schools

Ravenwood High School
1724 Wilson Pike
Brentwood, TN 37027
Pam Vaden - Principal
Williamson County Schools

Tennessee's 2015 Blue Ribbon Schools recognized for **Exemplary Achievement Gap Closure** are:

Buchanan Elementary School
6050 Manchester Highway
Murfreesboro, TN 27127
Michael Hickman - Principal
Rutherford County Schools

Falling Water Elementary School
715 Robert Mills Road
Hixon, TN 37343
Lea Ann Burk - Principal
Hamilton County Schools

Trousdale County High School
262 West McMurry Boulevard
Hartsville, TN 37074
Teresa Dickerson - Principal
Trousdale County Schools

The Recommendation:

For information purposes only; no action required.