



Harford County Public Schools

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State honors 24 Harford County schools for overall achievement and improved performance

The Maryland State Department of Education is recognizing 24 local Harford County public schools for the academic performance of students. The recognition program honors schools for their performance on the 2008 Maryland School Assessment (MSA) or the High School Assessment (HSA), and for improving the performance of special populations of students for two years. Only schools that made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for 2007-08 were eligible for the award.

Special populations include race/ethnicity, special education, limited English proficiency, and students who are receiving free or reduced price meals. The program, established by the Maryland General Assembly in 1996, is now required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

All recognized schools will receive certificates of recognition for public display. Only Title I elementary and middle schools will each receive a modest financial award that can be used for activities and equipment to improve student performance and family involvement.

School recognition, a feature of the federal No Child Left Behind program, helps states recognize the achievement of schools, as well as their students and teachers.

The Harford County Public Schools recognized with this award include:

Fallston High School
Bel Air High School

Bel Air Middle School
Patterson Mill Middle School
Southampton Middle School

Abingdon Elementary School
Church Creek Elementary School
Churchville Elementary School
Darlington Elementary School
Dublin Elementary School
Emmorton Elementary School
Forest Hill Elementary School
Forest Lakes Elementary School
Fountain Green Elementary School
Hickory Elementary School

Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School
Jarrettsville Elementary School
Magnolia Elementary School
Meadowvale Elementary School
North Harford Elementary School
Prospect Mill Elementary School
Ring Factory Elementary School
Roye-Williams Elementary School
Youth's Benefit Elementary School

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