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Seven Everett schools earn Washington Achievement Awards

Silver Lake, Silver Firs, Woodside, Cedar Wood and Garfield elementary schools as well as Gateway and Evergreen middle schools recently received the [2010 Washington Achievement Award](#) from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

The Washington Achievement Award is given to elementary, middle, high and comprehensive schools in seven different categories: overall excellence, language arts, math, science, extended graduation rate (high and comprehensive schools only), improvement and closing achievement gaps.

This award has had different names in previous years, including *Schools of Distinction* and *Great Schools*. This marks Gateway Middle School's fourth consecutive year of being recognized by OSPI for their achievement. Cedar Wood and Silver Firs elementary schools were also recipients of this award for 2009.

Only [186](#) of more than 2,000 schools in the state received this award. "Everett Public Schools earned 4 percent of the total number of awards given out to a small number of the state's exemplary schools," Superintendent Gary Cohn noted. "That is a credit to school staff dedication to the success of each student and the history this community has of supporting its students and being involved in its schools."

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