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Silver Lake Elementary; one of Washington's four top-performing Title I schools *Silver Lake, with a large percentage of poverty-impacted students, earns recognition in two categories*

Silver Lake Elementary is among an elite group of four Title I schools in the state to be identified as both a "highest performing" AND a "high progress" school, based upon students' reading and math scores. Silver Lake Elementary students have not only met federal standards in reading and math for the last three years, but the reading and math scores at Silver Lake have been in the top ten percent of all other Title I state schools for the last three years.

Only 58 schools in the state were identified as being either a "highest performing" OR a "high progress" school. Silver Lake and only three other schools in the state both met math and reading test score standard for three years AND were in the top 10 percent of schools in the state to do so. Only those four schools in the state earned both awards.

Silver Lake Elementary has a long history of earning awards for its student achievements and for what state Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn calls "... doing all the right things for kids."

- In 2007, Silver Lake and six other district elementary schools were honored as "Title I Improvement Schools."
- In 2010, Silver Lake and four other district elementary and middle schools were awarded "Washington Achievement" and "Schools of Distinction" accolades for student learning improvements sustained over time.



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Staff and students at Silver Lake have a history of earning awards for learning. Here the staff displays their 2010 "School of Distinction" banner for being one of the states 5% highest improving schools in Washington state in reading and math over five years.

- In 2011, the list of district “Washington Achievement” and “Schools of Distinction” grew exponentially and once again included Silver Lake and nine other middle and elementary schools.
- Also in 2011, Silver Lake was the only district school to be labeled as a Title 1 Academic Achievement school.

The diligent and careful work that staff at Silver Lake have done on behalf of students over the years will be available online to help other schools duplicate those results. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will gather information from all 58 *Reward Schools* in the state and publish those on the OSPI website later this year.

Title I is the federal government’s largest education funding program. The designation *Title I* is given to U.S. schools which have a high percentage of students in families qualifying for free and reduced lunches. Schools that get this federal funding must meet specific federal student-performance requirements.

A full list of this year’s 58 *Reward Schools* in Washington is on the [OSPI website](#).

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