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News release

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Five schools earn one or more *Washington Achievement Awards*

Three of these high achieving schools have earned this award more than once

Board will honor these schools and staff on May 26 at 4:30 p.m.



Five of the district's schools 26 qualify as among the state's top performing schools, based upon state wide assessment data for the past three consecutive years – 2014, 2013, and 2012. Most of this year's winners have earned an achievement award before – as many as six times, in the case of Cedar Wood Elementary. Because the award is based upon continuous student learning measured over consecutive years, earning successive honors becomes more challenging over time.

Cedar Wood Elementary has been a Washington Achievement Award winning school for the last six years. Above, Principal Dr. David Jones (second from left) with state officials and school staff at the 2011 awards presentation.

Schools

Cedar Wood Elementary
Mill Creek Elementary
View Ridge Elementary
Eisenhower Middle School
Henry M. Jackson High School

2014 Award category

Overall Excellence and Reading Growth
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English Language Acquisition
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Extended Graduation Rate

Cedar Wood Elementary has earned the state's Achievement Award for the last six consecutive years. Mill Creek Elementary earned the award for four years in a row starting in 2009 and is back on the list again for 2014. Henry M. Jackson High School was a Washington Achievement School in 2011 and now again in 2014.

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Across the state, only 401 (out of almost 2,000) elementary, middle and high schools earned an achievement award in one of the possible seven categories:

- Overall Excellence
- High Progress
- Reading Growth
- Math Growth
- Extended Graduation Rate (only for high schools)
- English Language Acquisition

The state has 296 school districts. Only about half of those districts (159) had multiple schools earn Washington Achievement Awards for 2014.

Since 2009, when the district began tracking these and other state and national awards, district schools have earned such recognition more than 80 times.

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