



NEWS RELEASE

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Nine schools honored by Washington School Recognition Program

Everett, WA - Everett Public Schools proudly celebrates the achievements of nine schools recognized by the Washington School Recognition Program for their outstanding performance during the 2023–24 school year.

Everett Public Schools has twice the state average of schools receiving this honor. While only 16 percent of schools across Washington earned recognition, 33 percent of schools in the district achieved this distinction.

This statewide honor reflects the dedication of educators, students, and families in creating learning environments where every student is supported to succeed.

The following Everett Public Schools have been honored:

- **Cedar Wood Elementary** – Achievement
- **Emerson Elementary** – Closing Gaps
- **Garfield Elementary** – Growth
- **Jackson Elementary** – Growth
- **Jefferson Elementary** – Growth
- **Lowell Elementary** – Growth
- **Sequoia High School** – Growth
- **Silver Firs Elementary** – Growth
- **View Ridge Elementary** – Growth

“This recognition highlights the extraordinary work happening across our district,” said Superintendent of Everett Public Schools Dr. Ian B. Saltzman. “It reflects the relentless focus our staff places on student learning and continuous improvement. I am very proud of each school community for their commitment to student success.”

Three pathways to recognition

The Washington School Recognition Program honors schools through the following categories:

- **Closing Gaps:** Recognized for significant progress in areas needing improvement, such as assessment scores, English learner progress, or graduation rates.
- **Growth:** Schools with at least one student group making some of the state’s largest annual gains in performance measures like attendance, assessments, or graduation rates.

- **Achievement:** These schools have the state's highest performance in at least two key areas, including attendance, dual credit completion, assessment scores in English language arts or math, graduation rates, or ninth-grade credit attainment, and are above average across all reportable student groups on the 2025 [Washington School Improvement Framework](#).

Each recognized school will receive a banner from the State Board of Education, delivered in partnership with Northwest Educational Service District 189. These banners serve as a visible celebration of the growth, achievement, and dedication displayed throughout the school year.

For more details on the Washington School Recognition Program, including award categories and methodology, visit the [State Board of Education's School Recognition webpage](#).

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