



News release

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Five schools honored in new state recognition program

Recognized schools are in the top 20 percent on multiple measures

Everett, WA—Over the past year, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, and Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee created a new system of recognizing and celebrating schools' achievement on the Washington School

Improvement Framework (WSIF) measures.

The new system replaces the *Schools of Distinction* awards and places more emphasis on schools who are making progress closing opportunity gaps among student groups, as well as schools who have lower levels of achievement, but are seeing high levels of progress.

Five of those 216 schools were Everett Public Schools: Cedar Wood, Garfield, Madison, Mill Creek elementaries and North Middle School.

- Cedar Wood Elementary was recognized for high achievement in English Language Acquisition (ELA), Math, and School Quality and Student Success (SQSS) measures.
- Garfield Elementary was recognized for growth in the WSIF metrics while narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest performing student groups.
- Madison Elementary was recognized for growth in the WSIF metrics while narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest performing student groups on the WSIF metrics and demonstrating improvement among student groups identified for support.
- Mill Creek Elementary was recognized for high achievement in ELA, Math, and SQSS measures.
- North Middle was recognized for closing gaps and demonstrating improvement among student groups identified for support.

Recognized schools measure within the top 20 percent on the WSIF measures and are making significant progress closing gaps among student groups. [Learn more](#) about the new school recognition system.

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