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State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson Congratulates California Schools Recognized as 2017 National Blue Ribbon Schools

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson today congratulated 23 California public schools that have been chosen as 2017 National Blue Ribbon Schools. This coveted award honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students achieve high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.


“Congratulations to all the schools on this list and to the educators, parents, students, and communities for helping students believe in themselves, set high goals, and realize their potential,” Torlakson said. “You are shining examples of the terrific things happening in California public education, and we must keep our momentum going because the California Way is to move forward and upward.”

The California winners are among 342 schools announced this morning by the U.S. Department of Education. In its 35-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has presented this award to more than 8,500 schools.

All schools are recognized in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores, and graduation rates:

- *Exemplary High Performing Schools* are among their state’s highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or national tests.
- *Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools* are among their state’s highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school’s student groups and all students over the past five years.

Public schools are nominated by top education officials in each state, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education.

More information about the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program can be found on the [U.S. Department of Education Web site](#) .

California’s National Blue Ribbon Public Schools for 2017

County	District	School
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Alameda	Albany City Unified	Albany Middle
Alameda	Pleasanton Unified	Amador Valley High
El Dorado	Buckeye Union Elementary	William Brooks Elementary
Fresno	Clay Joint Elementary	Clay Elementary
Humboldt	Jacoby Creek Elementary	Jacoby Creek Elementary
Los Angeles	East Whittier City Elementary	Leffingwell Elementary
Los Angeles	Hacienda La Puente Unified	Wedgeworth Elementary
Los Angeles	Long Beach Unified	California Academy of Mathematics and Science
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Alliance Dr. Olga Mohan High
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	KIPP Comienza Community Prep
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Vintage Math/Science/Technology Magnet
Los Angeles	Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District	Silver Spur Elementary
Orange	Los Alamitos Unified	Jack L. Weaver Elementary
Placer	Tahoe-Truckee Unified	Sierra Expeditionary Learning
Riverside	Hemet Unified	Western Center Academy
Sacramento	Elk Grove Unified	Arlene Hein Elementary
San Diego	Carlsbad Unified	Pacific Rim Elementary
San Francisco	San Francisco Unified	Sunset Elementary
Santa Clara	Moreland School District	George C. Payne Elementary

Sonoma	Liberty Elementary	Liberty Elementary
Tulare	Porterville Unified	Harmony Magnet Academy
Ventura	Moorpark Unified	Peach Hill Academy

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