



WSSDA: School Board of Distinction Application

BACKGROUND

- The Board of Distinction recognition program awards school boards that demonstrate alignment with the Washington School Board Standards.
- Applying for the recognition qualifies boards to be considered for:
 - **Board of the Year:** highest rated board among the applications
 - **Board of Distinction:** boards that show evidence of applying the Washington School Board Standards
 - **Special Merit Award:** awarded to honor boards that have demonstrated a continued focus and breadth of alignment to the Washington School Board Standards. It is given to boards that have received five Board of Distinction awards.

PROCESS*

The application process requires the Board to:

1. Complete WSSDA's Board Self-Evaluation
2. Write two essays with supporting evidence:
 - Closing the achievement gap
 - One of three Washington School Board Standards

*The process for application has reduced the requirement from three essays to two.

WSSDA MENU: WA School Board Standards

- **Standard 2 Benchmark C**
 - Set and communicate high expectations for students learning with clear goals and plans for meeting those expectations by adopting a collaboratively developed district plan focused on learning and achievement outcomes for all students
- **Standard 3 Benchmark D**
 - Create conditions district-wide for students and staff success by ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for an efficient and effective learning environment
- **Standard 4 Benchmark C**
 - Hold school accountable for meeting student learning by measuring student academic progress and needs based on valid and reliable assessment

DISCUSSION



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