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CDE Recognizes DCSD Schools for Academic Excellence

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is recognizing several Douglas County School District schools for high academic achievement.

The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award is given to schools demonstrating exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools "exceed" expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and "meet or exceed" expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps.

The John Irwin Schools of Excellence awards recognize schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Academic Achievement indicator of the School Performance Framework, reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science.

Finally, the National Blue Ribbon award recognizes schools with high academic outcomes. Schools must also demonstrate efforts to close the achievement gap between some groups of students.

Congratulations to the following DCSD schools:

Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award (*exceptional student growth*)

1. American Academy
2. Coyote Creek Elementary School
3. Flagstone Elementary School
4. Heritage Elementary School
5. Lone Tree Elementary
6. Redstone Elementary School
7. Saddle Ranch Elementary School
8. Sage Canyon Elementary
9. Sand Creek Elementary School
10. Stone Mountain Elementary

John Irwin Schools of Excellence (*exceptional academic achievement*)

1. Academy Charter School
2. American Academy

3. Bear Canyon Elementary School
4. Ben Franklin Academy
5. Buffalo Ridge Elementary School
6. Challenge To Excellence Charter School
7. Cherry Valley Elementary School
8. Copper Mesa Elementary School
9. Coyote Creek Elementary School
10. Eagle Ridge Elementary School
11. Eldorado Elementary School
12. Flagstone Elementary School
13. Franktown Elementary School
14. Gold Rush Elementary
15. Heritage Elementary School
16. Lone Tree Elementary
17. Mountain Ridge Middle School
18. Mountain View Elementary
19. North Star Academy
20. Northeast Elementary School
21. Northridge Elementary School
22. Parker Core Knowledge Charter School
23. Platte River Academy
24. Ranch View Middle School
25. Redstone Elementary School
26. Renaissance Secondary School
27. Rock Canyon High School
28. Rocky Heights Middle School
29. Saddle Ranch Elementary School
30. Sand Creek Elementary School
31. STEM School Highlands Ranch
32. Stone Mountain Elementary
33. Summit View Elementary School
34. Timber Trail Elementary School
35. Wildcat Mountain Elementary School

National Blue Ribbon Award

1. Parker Core Knowledge Charter School

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About DCSD

Douglas County School District is Colorado's third largest school district and serves 63,000 students. Learn more at www.dcsdk12.org.