

WASHINGTON ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Awards

AWARD CATEGORIES

Overall Excellence

Awarded to the top five percent of all elementary, middle, high, and comprehensive schools across the state (based on two-year averages). Schools with high numbers of gifted students (in comparison to peer schools of similar demographics) are also eligible to receive the Overall Excellence Award.*

Special Recognition Awards

High-performing schools in the following areas receive Special Recognition (based on two-year averages):

- ★ Language Arts (Reading and Writing Combined)
- ★ Math
- ★ Science
- ★ Extended Graduation Rate
- ★ Improvement
- ★ Closing Achievement Gaps

RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON'S TOP-PERFORMING SCHOOLS

The Washington Achievement Awards celebrate the state's top-performing schools in multiple categories. Award-winning schools share at least one common attribute: the power to profoundly affect student learning.

The state's top-performing schools are identified through the Achievement Index (back), a joint venture of the Washington State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.



* Only schools with an income/ethnicity achievement gap of less than 2.5 are eligible.

THE ACHIEVEMENT INDEX

AN INTRODUCTION

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Washington's Achievement Index can identify the state's highest-achieving schools over a two-year period. The index ...

- ✓ Provides a **fair** and **consistent** measurement of Washington's public schools.
- ✓ Presents a **clear picture** of how our schools and districts are performing in five key outcomes, how they are improving over time, how they compare to schools of similar demographics, and whether they are closing achievement gaps.
- ✓ Tells us more - in an easier-to-understand way - than the federal No Child Left Behind Act's requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress.

Example of an Achievement Index for a High School:

INDICATORS	OUTCOMES					
	READING	WRITING	MATH	SCIENCE	EXTENDED GRADUATION RATE	AVERAGE
Achievement of non-low income students	7	6	6	2	5	5.20
Achievement of low income students	5	4	4	2	7	4.30
Achievement vs Peers *	6	3	7	4	6	5.20
Improvement from the previous year **	4	4	5	6	7	5.20
INDEX SCORES	5.50	4.25	5.50	3.50	6.25	4.97

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Race / Ethnicity Achievement Gap

	Reading			Math			Extended Graduation Rate			Average
	Met Std	Peers *	Imprv **	Met Std	Peers	Imprv	Met Std	Peers	Imprv	
Achievement of Black, Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic students	5	2	2	5	1	1	5	3	5	3.22
Achievement of White and Asian students	6	4	3	5	3	1	4	4	5	3.88

HOW ARE THE RATINGS CALCULATED?

The ratings are a reflection of the percentage of students who met standards in a given assessment (e.g. a rating of 7 means that more than 90.1% of students met the standard).

* The Achievement vs. Peers indicator reflects how well a school performs compared to statistically similar schools (i.e., schools with a similar percentage of low-income, ELL, mobile, special education, and gifted students).

** The Improvement indicator reflects the amount of change in student performance from the previous year.

TIER	INDEX RANGE
Exemplary	7.00 – 5.50
Very Good	5.49 – 5.00
Good	4.99 – 4.00
Fair	3.99 – 2.50
Struggling	2.49 – 1.00