
Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition

The Background:

The U.S. Department of Education annually recognizes schools that demonstrate outstanding student achievement results. This prestigious program is the *Blue Ribbon Schools Program*.

Blue Ribbon Schools must be first nominated by the chief state school officer (CSSO) as eligible. Based on state data, the CSSO certifies that the nominated schools meet one of two criteria:

- 1) Exemplary High Performing Schools: Schools that are ranked among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or assessments referenced against national norms in both reading (English/language arts) and mathematics in at least the most recent year tested.
- 2) Exemplary Improving Schools: Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that have made the most progress in improving student performance on state assessments or assessments referenced against national norms in reading (English/language arts) and mathematics in the most recent five years.

The nominated schools must successfully complete an intensive application process which is reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education.

Tennessee had six schools recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2012. They are:

1. Cascade Elementary School
2998 Fairfield Pike
Wartrace, TN 37183-3135
Phone: (931) 389-0031
Principal: Mrs. Martha Fisher
School District: Bedford County Schools
2. The Discovery School at Reeves Rogers Elementary School
1807 Greenland Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37130-3119
Phone: (615) 895-4973
Principal: Dr. Linda Clark
School District: Murfreesboro City Schools

3. E. E. Jeter Elementary School
7662 Benjestown Road
Millington, TN 38053-5014
Phone: (901) 873-8170
Principal: Mrs. Paulette Bond
School District: Shelby County Schools
4. Glenwood Elementary School
125 Audubon Road
Oak Ridge, TN 37830-5810
Phone: (865) 425-9401
Principal: Dr. Pearl Goins
School District: Oak Ridge Schools
5. John Hay Elementary School
501 Brittain Court
Morristown, TN 37814-5699
Phone: (423) 586-1080
Principal: Dr. Matthew Drinnon
School District: Hamblen County
6. Merrol Hyde Magnet School
128 Township Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075-2210
Phone: (615) 264-6543
Principal: Mrs. Brad Schreiner
School District: Sumner County Schools

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acknowledgment of these schools for their dedication to student achievement across Tennessee.