

CATEGORY 1

Schools exhibiting exceptional student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years.

Heflin, AL	Cleburne County Elementary
Sitka, AK	Keet Goosni Heen Elementary
Pottsville, AR	Pottsville Elementary
Victorville, CA	Sixth Street Prep
Paonia, CO	Paonia Elementary
Seaford, DE	Frederick Douglass Elementary
Newnan, GA	Elm Street Elementary
Junction City, KS	Sheridan Elementary
Fort Thomas, KY	Ruth Moyer Elementary
Lafayette, LA	Early College Academy
Poplar Bluff, MO	Lake Road Elementary
Fairfield, MT	Fairfield Elementary
Henderson, NV	Estes McDoniel Elementary
Union City, NJ	Sara M. Gilmore Academy
Fort Sumner, NM	Fort Sumner Elementary
Brooklyn, NY	Middle 890
New Washington, OH	Buckeye Central Middle
Arlington, SD	Arlington Elementary
Mt. Juliet, TN	W.A. Wright Elementary
Pharr, TX	Cesar Chavez Elementary
Murray, UT	Academy for Math, Engineering, & Science (AMES)
Virginia Beach, VA	Parkway Elementary
Gifford, WA	Evergreen
Shoshoni, WY	Shoshoni Elementary

CATEGORY 2

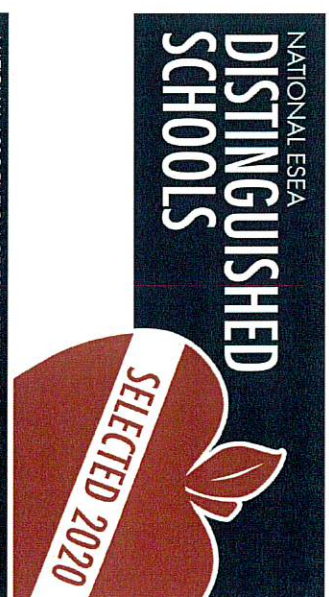
Schools that have closed the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years.

Lower Peachtree, AL	Monroe Intermediate
Nashville, AR	Nashville Primary
Los Angeles, CA	Solano Avenue Elementary
Newark, DE	Joseph M. McVey Elementary
St. Simons, GA	St. Simons Elementary
Valparaiso, IN	Thomas Jefferson Elementary
Chetopa, KS	Chetopa Elementary
Paducah, KY	Lone Oak Elementary
Pine Prairie, LA	Pine Prairie High
Waldorf, MD	Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary
Worcester, MA	Midland Street
Poplar Bluff, MO	Eugene Field Elementary
Laurel, MT	Laurel High
North Las Vegas, NV	Fay Herron Elementary
Sinclairville, NY	Sinclairville Elementary
Kings Mountain, NC	West Elementary
Springdale, OH	Springdale Elementary
San Juan, TX	Graciela Garcia Elementary
Rock Springs, WY	Stagecoach Elementary

CATEGORY 3

Schools that show excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.).

Wasilla, AK	Krik Elementary
Colorado Springs, CO	Soaring Eagles Elementary
Indianapolis, IN	McClelland Elementary
Princess Anne, MD	Greenwood Elementary
Leominster, MA	Fall Brook Elementary
Lodi, NJ	Thomas Jefferson Middle
Albuquerque, NM	Explore Academy
Durham, NC	Burton Magnet Elementary
Easley, SC	West End Elementary
Platte, SD	Cedar Grove Colony Elementary
Lenoir City, TN	Eaton Elementary
Vernal, UT	Ashley Elementary
Sandston, VA	Sandston Elementary
Stanwood, WA	Twin City Elementary



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Full details for each of the National ESEA Distinguished Schools can be found at www.eesaneetwork.org/ds, which includes information about all Distinguished Schools from this and past years.

National ESEA Distinguished Schools

2020 Award Winners:

Category 1:

Guin Elementary School
Marion County Schools



Category 2:

Meadowlane Elementary School
Phenix City Schools



2021 Award Winners:

Category 1:

Cleburne Elementary School
Cleburne County Schools



Category 2:

Monroe Intermediate School
Monroe County Schools



Alabama, in conjunction with the National Association for ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPAA) selects examples of superior, federally funded school programs for national recognition through the National ESEA Distinguished Schools program. Schools are selected in Alabama in the following two categories:

- **Category 1: Exceptional Student Performance for Two or More Consecutive Years**
- **Category 2: Closing the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups**

Schools are selected based on academic achievement and innovative programs that contribute to their success. These Alabama schools join hundreds of other distinguished schools nationwide making a difference for the children served.

In order to be eligible for **Category 1**, schools must meet the following criteria:

- Title I School
- Poverty rate of at least 60% or greater
- Demonstrate high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years
- Achievement rate of 70% or greater (combined reading and math)
- Meet or exceed ESSA targets for at least two consecutive years.

In order to be eligible for **Category 2**, schools must meet the following criteria:

- Title I School
- Poverty rate of at least 90% or greater
- Overall Growth Rate of 90% or greater with a growth rate of 60% or greater in categories III and IV (combined reading and math proficiency)