The Washington Achievement Awards celebrate the state’s top-performing schools. Award-winning schools have at least one thing in common: the power to profoundly affect student learning.

Award-winning schools are identified through the revised Achievement Index, criteria set in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver, and criteria approved by the State Board of Education (SBE).

Award Categories

Overall Excellence

Awarded to the top five percent of all Washington elementary, middle, high, and comprehensive schools (based on three years of data) and participating schools that meet the highest performing designation according to the ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Special Recognition Awards

High-performing schools in the following areas receive recognition (based on data from up to three years):

- High Progress
- Reading Growth
- Math Growth
- Extended Graduation Rate
- English Language Acquisition