

Intel Schools of Distinction Awards

2006 Winners

The best way to encourage educational excellence is to identify it, reward it, and disseminate the practices that lead to it. That's why, in 2006, Intel and Scholastic honored these outstanding schools for their dedication to provide quality education to meet the needs of their students.

These sixteen schools were honored at a black tie event in Washington, D.C. on October 5, 2006. Each school received a grant for \$10,000, and two schools were named the "Best of the Best" receiving an additional \$15,000 grant for a grand total of \$25,000.

"Best of the Best" Award winners were Don Pedro Albizu Campos School/P.S. 161 and Chisholm Middle School. Both schools were also selected as winners in the Collaboration and Teamwork category.

State	Category	Name
<u>Best of the Best</u> Kansas	Collaboration & Teamwork, Secondary	Chisholm Middle School, Newton Working with nearby Bethel College, the local Bigs in Schools program (a spin-off of Big Brothers, Big Sister), business and community volunteers, and a local Catholic Church, Chisholm Middle School in Newton, KS, has successfully partnered with its community. Parents also stay intimately involved in their students' education through numerous methods.
<u>Best of the Best</u> New York	Collaboration & Teamwork, Elementary	Don Pedro Albizu Campos, New York Don Pedro Albizu Campos/PS 161 in New York, NY, has successfully tackled the challenge of parental involvement by building a strong community of parents. This has enabled the school to embrace parents as an integral part of their students' success, making it the first New York City public school to receive the National Change Award.
Delaware	Academic Achievement, Elementary	Frankford Elementary, Frankford Boasting excellent reading and math scores, Frankford Elementary School in Frankford, DE, has emerged as one of the most heralded schools in Sussex County. The staff's commitment to the best student performance possible is supported by quarterly administration and support staff meetings with every classroom teacher to discuss every student's progress.
Georgia	Professional Development, Secondary	Alton C. Crews Middle School, Lawrenceville Through leadership training, peer coaching, and mentoring opportunities, Alton C. Crews Middle School in Lawrenceville, GA, makes professional development a top priority. Everyone participates in the voluntary program, and creates a culture of collaboration.
Georgia	Leadership Excellence, Elementary	Ruskin Elementary, Waycross As part of the rural, low socio-economic community in Waycross, GA, Ruskin Elementary School has shifted its entire culture to emphasize professional learning, collaborative planning, peer coaching, and accountability.
Illinois	Professional Development, Elementary	Passages Charter School, Chicago In 2001, Asian Human Services founded Passages Charter School in Chicago, IL, and developed a support system to enable immigrant parents to become full partners in their children's education. By introducing a set of

		effective teaching strategies for English learners and a replicable model of professional development, student language and higher order thinking skills thrive.
Iowa	Literacy Achievement, Elementary	Lincoln Elementary, Spencer The Lincoln Elementary School students in Spencer, IA, made drastic reading improvements as a result of small-group instruction, cross-grade grouping, integrated social studies, science, and language arts instruction, and intensive professional development. In 2004, Lincoln was honored as a Nationally Recognized NCLB Blue Ribbon School.
Kansas	Mathematics Achievement, Elementary	Ogden Elementary, Ogden In Ogden, KS, Ogden Elementary School has collaborated with an innovative math education professor to create a well-designed professional development program. Implementation of this program has yielded the largest increase in math scores since 1991, and the school's first State Standard of Excellence in mathematics.
Maryland	Mathematics Achievement, Secondary	Stephen Decatur High School, Berlin Every freshman of the 1,389-student body Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD, is required to take nothing less than Algebra I. Each of the school's teachers has received intensive professional development in differentiating mathematics instruction during the summer. As a result, 95 percent of all ninth graders pass their mathematic requirements.
Massachusetts	Academic Achievement, Secondary	Roxbury Preparatory Charter School, Roxbury Roxbury Preparatory School in Roxbury, MA, a charter school featuring a dress code and strict code of conduct, has designed the Numeracy Initiative, helping low performing students with basic math skills, and challenging high performing students to pursue advanced math. Numeracy Initiative celebrates learning and recognizes student academic and personal talents and accomplishments.
New York	Leadership Excellence, Secondary	Greece Odyssey Academy, Rochester The Rochester, NY, Greece Odyssey Academy developed a School Improvement Team. In addition to recent improvements, Odyssey Academy also features monthly faculty professional development meetings, students taking leadership roles, and a Parent Volunteer Network.
North Carolina	Science Achievement, Secondary	Davidson I.B. Middle School, Davidson The International Baccalaureate curriculum at Davidson I.B. Middle School, Davidson, NC, incorporates many issues related to the impact of humankind's genius on society. A hands-on, inquiry-based learning experience affords students greater access to both science resources and professionals, and allows them to visualize themselves as scientists in the future.
North Carolina	Literacy Achievement, Secondary	North Brunswick High School, Leland Students at North Brunswick High School in Leland, NC, self-select texts and work collaboratively in small, text-based groups, called Literary Circles. The autonomy and responsibility create intrinsically motivated students, and literate young adults.
South Carolina	Technology Excellence, Elementary	Forest Lake Elementary, Columbia A magnet school in Columbia, SC, Forest Lake Elementary has created a technology-infused, integrated curriculum for grades K 5. Forest Lake uses

		many features to prepare its students for, "our global technological world," according to the school's Instructional Technology Specialist, Paulette Williams.
Virginia	Science Achievement, Elementary	Linkhorn Park Elementary, Virginia Beach Linkhorn Park Elementary School in Virginia Beach, VA, features a technology rich science curriculum. Learning is facilitated by exploration in the classroom and in the state-of-the-art science lab in an enriching and authentic learning experience.
Washington	Technology Excellence, Secondary	Kellogg Middle School, Shoreline Every teacher and student at Kellogg Middle School in Shoreline, WA, is issued a laptop for use on their wireless campus and at home. Teacher training and summer workshops help integrate technology into their daily curriculum and practice.

