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Board of Education Announces 2020 Exemplar Performance School Awards

RICHMOND, Va. — The state Board of Education today recognized 447 schools and six school divisions for high student achievement, continuous improvement or innovative practices under the board's exemplar performance school recognition program. The awards are based on performance and practice during 2018-2019 and prior years.

The recognized schools include 71 schools that earned the Board of Education Highest Achievement Award, 375 schools that earned the Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award and one school that earned the Board of Education Innovative Practice Award. The board also recognized six school divisions for innovative practices. In 2019, the first year of the exemplar performance program, 235 schools earned awards.

"The criteria for the exemplar performance awards are designed to incentivize schools to make the changes in instruction, policy, support services and practice required to make progress toward meeting the Board of Education's objective of achieving equity in opportunities and outcomes for all students," Board of Education President Daniel A. Gecker said. "The increase in the number of awards earned this year is evidence of the progress our schools were making toward this objective before the pandemic forced the closure of schools in March."

"I congratulate the principals, teachers, support professionals and students of all of these schools and divisions for the achievement, innovations and hard work recognized by these awards," Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane said. "I believe the success of these schools and school divisions will inspire learning communities across the commonwealth as they plan for the reopening of school and prepare to meet the instructional and social-emotional needs of students — especially students most impacted by the closure this spring."

2020 Board of Education Innovative Practice Award

One school and six school divisions earned the Board of Education Innovative Practice Award. This is the first year the board has issued the award, which recognizes innovations implemented over the course of two academic years that improve student outcomes.

The board recognized Central Academy Middle in Botetourt County for innovative practices to elevate the quality and character of the school environment to create a positive atmosphere for learning and to reflect the norms, goals and values of the community. The six division-level awards for innovative practices are as follows

- Goochland County — For division-wide innovative practices to develop life-ready students through implementation of the Profile of a Virginia Graduate and the 5C's (critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration and citizenship)
- Hampton — For division-wide innovative practices to develop life-ready students through implementation of the Profile of a Virginia Graduate and the 5C's

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- Newport News — For division-wide innovative practices in developing an integrated STEM approach to learning
- Shenandoah County — For division-wide innovative practices to develop life-ready students through implementation of the Profile of a Virginia Graduate and the 5C's
- Greene County — For division-wide innovative practices to retain high-quality teachers
- Roanoke — For division-wide innovative practices to close achievement gaps among vulnerable and/or minority student groups

Schools, divisions, and local school boards earn recognition for exemplary innovative practices based on the following criteria:

- School- or division-wide implementation for two full academic years of a new or creative evidence-based alternative to existing instructional or administrative practices aligned with one of the following priority areas:
 - Closing achievement gaps among vulnerable and/or minority student groups;
 - Developing an integrated STEM approach to learning;
 - Building genuine relationships with families to support overall family well-being and children's healthy development;
 - Enhancing technology infrastructure to increase student access to connected devices and the internet;
 - Elevating the quality and character of the school environment so that it reflects the positive and support norms, goals, and values of the community;
 - Retaining high-quality teachers; and
 - Developing life-ready students through implementation of the Profile of a Virginia Graduate and the 5 C's framework (skills in critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and citizenship); and
- Data provided by school or division demonstrate that the practice is meeting its objectives and is having a significant impact on outcomes for the targeted student population.

2020 Board of Education Highest Achievement Award

Schools recognized for highest achievement were "Accredited" during 2019-2020 (based on performance data from 2018-2019) and demonstrated high levels of success across all of school quality indicators, including success in narrowing achievement gaps.

Schools also had to meet the Level One accreditation benchmark for reading, mathematics, and science based on the student pass rate, not including growth or progress on assessments taken by English language learners. Schools must also have had no more than a 5% achievement gap, for schools with two student groups, or a 10% gap, for schools with three or more student groups, between the lowest-performing group and all other students in the school. In addition, schools must have achieved at Level One on all other applicable school quality indicators.

The 71 schools earning the 2020 Board of Education Highest Achievement Award are as follows:

- Arlington County — Arlington Science Focus and Arlington Traditional
- Bedford County — Jefferson Forest High and Stewartsville Elementary
- Botetourt County — Buchanan Elementary
- Bristol — Washington-Lee Elementary
- Buena Vista — Parry McCluer Middle
- Chesapeake — Hickory High
- Fairfax County — Forestville Elementary, Kings Park Elementary, Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology and Wolftrap Elementary
- Halifax County — Clays Mill Elementary
- Hampton — Armstrong Elementary and Tucker-Capps Elementary
- Hanover County — Pearson's Corner Elementary
- Henrico County — David A. Kaechele Elementary, Echo Lake Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Maude Trevvett Elementary, Nuckols Farm Elementary and Rivers Edge Elementary

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- Henry County — Rich Acres Elementary
- Highland County — Highland Elementary
- King and Queen County — Lawson-Marriott Elementary
- Loudoun County — Hillsboro Charter Academy, Lincoln Elementary, Newton-Lee Elementary and Waterford Elementary
- Madison County — Madison County High
- Montgomery County — Harding Avenue Elementary
- Newport News — Deer Park Elementary and General Stanford Elementary
- Norfolk — Tarrallton Elementary
- Patrick County — Meadows of Dan Elementary
- Prince George County — L.L. Beazley Elementary and South Elementary
- Prince William County — Bel Air Elementary, J.W. Alvey Elementary, Minnieville Elementary, River Oaks Elementary and Sharon C. McAuliffe Elementary
- Richmond — Open High and Richmond Community High
- Roanoke — Crystal Spring Elementary
- Roanoke County — Bonsack Elementary
- Rockbridge County — Mountain View Elementary
- Rockingham County — South River Elementary and Spotswood High
- Russell County — Belfast Elementary and Honaker Elementary
- Scott County — Gate City High, Hilton Elementary and Rye Cove Intermediate
- Spotsylvania County — Chancellor Elementary
- Surry County — Surry County High
- Tazewell County — Tazewell High
- Virginia Beach — Arrowhead Elementary, Green Run Collegiate, Green Run Elementary, Kingston Elementary, North Landing Elementary, Ocean Lakes Elementary, Old Donation School, Rosemont Elementary and Shelton Park Elementary
- Washington County — John S. Battle High and Watauga Elementary
- West Point — West Point Middle/High
- Wise County — St. Paul Elementary
- York County — Tabb Elementary

2020 Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award

Schools recognized for continuous improvement were rated “Accredited” or “Accredited with Conditions” for 2019-2020 and met at least one of the following four criteria based on performance during 2018-2019:

- A 10-point increase in the combined rate in reading and math, and in the pass rate in science;
- A 10-point increase in the combined rate in reading and math for two or more student groups across three years;
- A decrease in the chronic absenteeism rate for three years; or
- For schools with a graduating class, an increase in the Graduation and Completion Index and a decrease in the dropout rate for three years.

The 375 schools earning the 2020 Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award are as follows:

- Accomack County — Arcadia Middle, Nandua High and Pungoteague Elementary
- Alexandria — Cora Kelly Magnet Elementary, Francis C. Hammond Middle, Jefferson-Houston Elementary and T.C. Williams High
- Alleghany County — Alleghany High
- Amelia County — Amelia County Elementary and Amelia County High
- Amherst County — Amherst County High, Amherst Middle, Monelison Middle and Temperance Elementary

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- Appomattox County — Appomattox County High and Appomattox Elementary
- Arlington County — Barrett Elementary, Discovery Elementary, Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary, Francis Scott Key Elementary, Jamestown Elementary, Long Branch Elementary, Nottingham Elementary, Swanson Middle and Tuckahoe Elementary
- Augusta County — Buffalo Gap High, Fort Defiance High, Riverheads High, Stuarts Draft High and Wilson Memorial High
- Bath County — Bath County High and Valley Elementary
- Bedford County — Bedford Elementary, Big Island Elementary, Forest Elementary, Goodview Elementary, Huddleston Elementary, Moneta Elementary, Montvale Elementary, Otter River Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Botetourt County — Cloverdale Elementary
- Bristol — Highland View Elementary, Stonewall Jackson Elementary, Virginia High and Virginia Middle
- Brunswick County — James S. Russell Middle, Red Oak-Sturgeon Elementary and Totaro Elementary
- Buchanan County — Council Elementary/Middle School, Hurley Elementary/Middle, Hurley High, Riverview Elementary/Middle and Twin Valley Elementary/Middle
- Buckingham County — Buckingham Co Elementary
- Buena Vista — Parry McCluer High
- Campbell County — Altavista High, Leesville Road Elementary and William Campbell High
- Caroline County — Bowling Green Elementary
- Carroll County — Carroll County Middle, Gladesboro Elementary and Gladeville Elementary
- Charlotte County — Central Middle
- Charlottesville — Charlottesville High, Johnson Elementary and Venable Elementary
- Chesapeake — Butts Road Intermediate, Camelot Elementary, Deep Creek Middle, Grassfield High, Indian River High, Oscar F. Smith High, Portlock Primary and Western Branch High
- Chesterfield County — Carver College and Career Academy, Greenfield Elementary and J.B. Watkins Elementary
- Clarke County — Johnson-Williams Middle
- Colonial Heights — North Elementary
- Craig County — McCleary Elementary
- Culpeper County — Emerald Hill Elementary and Floyd T. Binns Middle
- Cumberland County — Cumberland Elementary
- Danville — Galileo Magnet High and George Washington High
- Dickenson County — Clintwood Elementary, Ridgeview High and Sandlick Elementary
- Fairfax County — Bonnie Brae Elementary, Bryant High, Camelot Elementary, Cameron Elementary, Canterbury Woods Elementary, Chantilly High, Cub Run Elementary, Eagle View Elementary, Edison High, Fairview Elementary, Falls Church High, Forest Edge Elementary, Fort Belvoir Elementary, Fox Mill Elementary, Frost Middle, Greenbriar East Elementary, Greenbriar West Elementary, Hayfield Secondary, Hollin Meadows Elementary, Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences, Irving Middle, Justice High, Lake Anne Elementary, Lane Elementary, Laurel Ridge Elementary, Lemon Road Elementary, Little Run Elementary, Longfellow Middle, McLean High, Mount Eagle Elementary, Navy Elementary, Oakton Elementary, Oakton High, Ravensworth Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Rocky Run Middle, Rolling Valley Elementary, Springfield Estates Elementary, Terra Centre Elementary, Union Mill Elementary, Vienna Elementary, Wakefield Forest Elementary, Washington Mill Elementary, Waynewood Elementary, West Springfield High and Westfield High
- Fauquier County — James G. Brumfield Elementary
- Floyd County — Floyd County High
- Fluvanna County — Carysbrook Elementary and Fluvanna County High

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- Franklin — Franklin High and S.P. Morton Elementary
- Franklin County — Boones Mill Elementary, Burnt Chimney Elementary, Callaway Elementary, Dudley Elementary, Ferrum Elementary, Franklin County High, Henry Elementary, Rocky Mount Elementary, Snow Creek Elementary and Windy Gap Elementary
- Frederick County — Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle, Indian Hollow Elementary, James Wood High, James Wood Middle, Millbrook High, Orchard View Elementary and Sherando High
- Galax — Galax Middle
- Gloucester County — Gloucester High and Petsworth Elementary
- Grayson County — Fries Elementary, Grayson County High and Grayson Highlands School
- Greene County — William Monroe High
- Greenville County — Edward W. Wyatt Middle
- Hampton — Bethel High, C. Alton Lindsay Middle, Captain John Smith Elementary, Cesar Tarrant Middle, Christopher C. Kraft Elementary, George P. Phenix Elementary, John Tyler Elementary, Luther W. Machen Elementary and Thomas Eaton Middle
- Hanover County — John M. Gandy Elementary, Mechanicsville Elementary and Rural Point Elementary
- Harrisonburg — Spotswood Elementary and Thomas Harrison Middle
- Henrico County — George H. Moody Middle, Jackson Davis Elementary, Longdale Elementary, Ridge Elementary, Short Pump Elementary, Skipwith Elementary and Tuckahoe Middle
- Henry County — Magna Vista High
- Highland County — Highland High
- Isle of Wight County — Smithfield High
- King and Queen County — Central High
- King William County — King William High
- Lee County — Jonesville Middle, Lee High and St. Charles Elementary
- Loudoun County — Banneker Elementary, Eagle Ridge Middle, Emerick Elementary, Little River Elementary, Mercer Middle and Middleburg Community Charter
- Louisa County — Louisa County High and Moss-Nuckols Elementary
- Lunenburg County — Central High, Lunenburg Middle and Victoria Elementary
- Lynchburg — Linkhorne Elementary and William M. Bass Elementary
- Madison County — William H. Wetsel Middle
- Manassas — Jennie Dean Elementary
- Martinsville — Albert Harris Elementary and Martinsville High
- Mecklenburg County — Park View High and Park View Middle
- Middlesex County — Middlesex High
- Montgomery County — Auburn High and Christiansburg High
- Nelson County — Rockfish River Elementary
- Newport News — Denbigh High, Discovery STEM Academy and John Marshall Early Childhood Center
- Norfolk — Camp Allen Elementary, Lake Taylor High, Larrymore Elementary, Matthew Fontaine Maury High, Northside Middle, Ocean View Elementary, P.B. Young, Sr. Elementary, Sewells Point Elementary, Suburban Park Elementary and Tidewater Park Elementary
- Northampton County — Kiptopeke Elementary
- Northumberland County — Northumberland High and Northumberland Middle
- Nottoway County — Crewe Primary and Nottoway Middle
- Orange County — Lightfoot Elementary and Locust Grove Elementary
- Patrick County — Hardin Reynolds Elementary and Stuart Elementary
- Petersburg — Pleasants Lane Elementary

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- Pittsylvania County — Chatham High, John L. Hurt Elementary and Union Hall Elementary
- Poquoson — Poquoson Middle
- Portsmouth — Cradock Middle, I.C. Norcom High, Lakeview Elementary, Park View Elementary and Westhaven Elementary
- Powhatan County — Flat Rock Elementary, Powhatan High and Powhatan Middle
- Prince William County — Antietam Elementary, Belmont Elementary, Brentsville District High, Bull Run Middle, Charles J. Colgan Sr. High, Dale City Elementary, E.H. Marsteller Middle, Freedom High, George M. Hampton Middle, Glenkirk Elementary, Kerrydale Elementary, Lake Ridge Elementary, Lake Ridge Middle, Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary, Mary Williams Elementary, Osbourn Park High, Patriot High, Pennington Elementary, Potomac High, Springwoods Elementary and Stonewall Jackson High
- Pulaski County — Riverlawn Elementary and Snowville Elementary
- Radford — Radford High
- Rappahannock County — Rappahannock County Elementary
- Richmond — Albert Hill Middle, Amelia Street Special Education, Armstrong High, Binford Middle, Elizabeth D. Redd Elementary, Elkhartd Thompson Middle, Franklin Military Academy, George Wythe High, Huguenot High, John Marshall High, Mary Munford Elementary, Richmond Alternative School, Richmond Community High and Thomas C. Boushall Middle
- Richmond County — Rappahannock High
- Roanoke — Fallon Park Elementary, Fishburn Park Elementary, Monterey Elementary, Morningside Elementary, Patrick Henry High, Preston Park Elementary, Virginia Heights Elementary, Wasena Elementary and William Fleming High
- Roanoke County — Glenvar Elementary, Hidden Valley Middle, W.E. Cundiff Elementary and William Byrd High
- Rockbridge County — Natural Bridge Elementary
- Rockingham County — Lacey Spring Elementary, Mountain View Elementary and Pleasant Valley Elementary
- Russell County — Castlewood Elementary, Castlewood High, Copper Creek Elementary, Lebanon Elementary and Lebanon High
- Salem — G.W. Carver Elementary
- Scott County — Rye Cove High and Shoemaker Elementary
- Smyth County — Chilhowie Elementary, Chilhowie Middle, Marion Elementary, Northwood High, Northwood Middle, Rich Valley Elementary and Sugar Grove Elementary
- Southampton County — Riverdale Elementary and Southampton Middle
- Spotsylvania County — Brock Road Elementary, Livingston Elementary, Parkside Elementary and Spotsylvania High
- Stafford County — Garrisonville Elementary and North Stafford High
- Staunton — Shelburne Middle
- Suffolk — Elephant's Fork Elementary, King's Fork High, King's Fork Middle, Lakeland High, Nansemond Parkway Elementary and Nansemond River High
- Sussex County — Sussex Central Elementary
- Tazewell County — Cedar Bluff Elementary and Richlands High
- Virginia Beach — Bayside High, Brookwood Elementary, Centerville Elementary, Corporate Landing Elementary, Floyd Kellam High, Glenwood Elementary, Luxford Elementary, Lynnhaven Middle, Rosemont Forest Elementary, Salem High and Windsor Woods Elementary
- Warren County — Warren County High
- Washington County — Glade Spring Middle, Rhea Valley Elementary and Valley Institute Elementary
- Waynesboro — Kate Collins Middle
- Williamsburg-James City County — D.J. Montague Elementary, Lafayette High and Laurel Lane Elementary

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- Winchester — Frederick Douglass Elementary
- Wise County — Wise Primary
- Wythe County — Fort Chiswell High, Fort Chiswell Middle and George Wythe High
- York County — Bethel Manor Elementary, Dare Elementary, Grafton Middle, Magruder Elementary, Queens Lake Middle, Tabb High, York High and York River Academy

The Board of Education approved the criteria for the exemplar performance awards in April 2018. The recognition program is aligned with the board's accreditation standards and replaced the Virginia Index of Performance recognition program.

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