

# Three Delaware Schools Receive National Blue Ribbon Honors

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos today recognized three Delaware schools; [National Blue Ribbon Schools](#) for 2020. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Seaford School District's Frederick Douglass Elementary School, Caesar Rodney School District's Allen Frear Elementary School, and Christina School District's Etta J. Wilson Elementary School are among the 317 public and 50 non-public schools that are receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools award.

"Congratulations to this year's National Blue Ribbon School awardees," DeVos said. "It's a privilege to recognize the extraordinary work you do to meet students' needs and prepare them for successful careers and meaningful lives."

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Now in its 38th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed almost 10,000 awards to more than 9,000 schools, with some schools winning multiple awards. Schools are eligible for nomination after five years.

The Department recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, student subgroup scores and graduation rates:

- **Exemplary High Performing Schools** are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state

assessments or nationally normed tests.

- **Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools** are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

While there will not be an opportunity to celebrate in person given the current situation regarding COVID-19, the 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony will be held virtually November 12 and 13 for the school honorees, and they will each receive their plaques and flags via mail.

Photographs and brief descriptions of all 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools are available at <https://www.ed.gov/nationalblueribbonschools>.

A listing of all National Blue Ribbon Schools in Delaware:

**Frederick Douglass Elementary School (Seaford School District) 2020**

**Allen Frear Elementary School (Caesar Rodney School District) 2020**

**Etta J. Wilson Elementary School (Christina School District) 2020**

Charter School of Wilmington (Charter, Red Clay Consolidated School District) 2019

Delaware Military Academy (Charter, Red Clay Consolidated School District) 2019

West Park Place Elementary School (Christina School

District) 2019  
Cedar Lane Elementary School (Appoquinimink School District) 2018  
Lake Forest South Elementary School (Lake Forest School District) 2018  
Selbyville Middle School (Indian River School District) 2018  
East Millsboro Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2017  
Olive B. Loss Elementary School (Appoquinimink School District) 2017  
Seaford Central Elementary School (Seaford School District) 2017  
Christ the Teacher Catholic School (Private) 2016  
Dover Air Force Base Middle School (Caesar Rodney School District) 2016  
Newark Charter School (Charter) 2016  
St John the Beloved School (Private) 2016  
Sussex Academy (Charter) 2016  
Cape Henlopen High School (Cape Henlopen School District) 2015  
Lake Forest East Elementary School (Lake Forest School District) 2015  
W. B. Simpson Elementary School (Caesar Rodney School District) 2015  
The Academy of Dover (Charter) 2014  
John M. Clayton Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2014  
Lake Forest North Elementary School (Lake Forest School District) 2014  
The Charter School of Wilmington (Charter, Red Clay Consolidated School District) 2013  
Richard A. Shields Elementary School (Cape Henlopen School District) 2013  
Allen Frear Elementary School (Caesar Rodney School District) 2013  
Linden Hill Elementary School (Red Clay Consolidated School

District) 2012  
Harry O. Eisenberg Elementary School (Colonial School District) 2012  
Star Hill Elementary School (Caesar Rodney School District) 2012  
West Park Place Elementary School (Christina School District) 2011  
Long Neck Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2011  
Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School (Caesar Rodney School District) 2011  
Christ the Teacher Catholic School (Private) 2010  
Newark Charter School (Charter) 2010  
Robert S. Gallaher Elementary School (Christina School District) 2010  
Woodbridge Elementary School (Woodbridge School District) 2010  
Marbrook Elementary School (Red Clay Consolidated School District) 2009  
East Millsboro Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2008  
Sussex Technical High School (Sussex Technical School District) 2008  
Lancashire Elementary School (Brandywine School District) 2007  
Etta J. Wilson Elementary School (Christina School District) 2007  
Joseph M. McVey Elementary School (Christina School District) 2007  
North Georgetown Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2006  
Lake Forest East Elementary School (Lake Forest School District) 2006  
Fairview Elementary School (Capital School District) 2006  
Long Neck Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2005  
Booker T. Washington Elementary School (Capital School

District) 2005  
Lulu M. Ross Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2004  
Frankford Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2004  
Phillip C. Showell Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2003  
Corpus Christi Elementary School (Private) 2001  
Lord Baltimore Elementary School (Indian River School District) 2001  
Padua Academy (Private) 1996  
Seaford Middle School (Seaford School District) 1996  
Sussex Technical High School (Sussex Technical School District) 1996  
St. Matthew School (Private) 1992  
Corpus Christi School (Private) 1990  
Dover High School (Capital School District) 1987  
Skyline Middle School (Red Clay Consolidated School District) 1985  
Christiana High School (Christina School District) 1984  
Caesar Rodney Senior High School (Caesar Rodney School District) 1984  
Brandywine High School (Brandywine School District) 1983  
Shue Middle School (Christina School District) 1983

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