

2013 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools Awardees

The *No Child Left Behind* – Blue Ribbon Schools Program (NCLB-BRS) is a national recognition program, honoring elementary and secondary schools in the United States that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps or whose students achieve at the highest levels in their state. Through this program, the U.S. Department of Education recognizes and presents as models these elementary and secondary schools.

The U.S. Department of Education allowed the Ohio Department of Education to nominate 14 public schools for the 2013 Blue Ribbon Schools award. At least five (5) of these 14 must have 40 percent or more students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Once nominated, these schools must apply to the U.S. Department of Education for this award. In keeping with No Child Left Behind, the application focuses primarily on student performance and scientifically based instructional programs.

There are two categories for nomination: 1) exemplary high performing schools and 2) schools with exemplary improvement. The schools with 40 percent or more poverty may fall into either category. Schools with less than 40 percent poverty only qualify for the high performing category.

The U.S. Department of Education invites the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) to nominate private schools that meet the high performing and dramatically improving criteria for recognition. Private schools interested in being nominated apply directly to CAPE. In submitting nominated schools, CAPE must certify that the schools meet the minimum requirements established by the Department and other criteria used to nominate schools. At a minimum, private school performance is measured by nationally normed tests. If a private school administers both state tests and nationally normed tests, the school must be among the highest in both.

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Public Schools	District / Sponsor	County
Akron Early College High School	Akron City	Summit
Cuyahoga Heights High School	Cuyahoga Heights Local	Cuyahoga
Harmon Middle School	Aurora City	Portage
Newton Elementary School	Newton Local	Miami
Orchard Middle School	Solon City	Cuyahoga
Scioto Elementary School	Teays Valley Local	Pickaway
Springfield Elementary School	Springfield Local	Mahoning
Waterville Primary School	Anthony Wayne Local	Lucas
Watson Elementary School	Perry Local	Stark
West Geauga High School	West Geauga Local	Gauga
Wheelersburg Elementary School	Wheelersburg Local	Scioto

Private Schools	Located in City	County
Incarinate Word Academy	Parma Heights	Cuyahoga
Incarnation Catholic School	Centerville	Montgomery
St. Margaret of York School	Loveland	Warren
St. Paul The Apostle Catholic School	Westerville	Delaware