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## Nine New Jersey Schools Earn Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education

**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey Department of Education today applauded the nine New Jersey public schools that earned the national Blue Ribbon award for high student achievement. The U.S. Department of Education today announced the recipients of the award, given annually to schools that are academically high performing or closing achievement gaps among diverse groups of students.

“In a state where we pride ourselves on having the best schools in the country, these nine schools stand out and are rightfully being recognized through this distinguished award,” said **Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education**. “This recognition is a result of the combined dedication and foresight of every teacher, administrator, student, and parent working together towards excellence. The whole community in these nine schools should take part in the celebration, as it is genuinely a collective achievement.”

One of the U.S. Department of Education’s longest-running recognition programs, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is designed to spotlight and share best practices of outstanding schools across the country. The prestigious award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students thrive. National Blue Ribbon Schools are honored at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., where each receives a plaque and flag to signify its exemplary status. Details of the public and private schools that received this year’s award are available on the U.S. Department of Education’s [National Blue Ribbon Schools webpage](#).

The nine New Jersey public schools that were designated by the National Blue Ribbon program as exemplary high performing schools for 2024 include:

County	District	School
Bergen	Fort Lee School District	School No. 3
Bergen	Glen Rock Public Schools	Alexander Hamilton School
Hudson	Serving Jersey City	Soaring Heights Charter School
Middlesex	Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District	Woodbridge Academy Magnet School
Monmouth	Rumson School District	Forrestdale School
Morris	Montville Township School District	Hilldale School
Morris	Rockaway Township School District	Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School
Somerset	Montgomery Township School District	Montgomery Upper Middle School
Union	Mountainside School District	Deerfield Elementary School



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