
2021 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition

The Background:

The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) has been selecting examples of superior Title I schools from all states for national recognition since 1996. Each year, Tennessee selects two schools for recognition – one for exceptional student performance and one for excellence in serving special populations of students.

The schools recognized demonstrate a wide array of strengths, including team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development opportunities for staff, individualized programs for student success, and strong partnerships between the school, parents, and the community.

This year's schools were recognized at the National ESEA Conference Feb. 16-19, 2022. The two schools in Tennessee that have been recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools for 2021 are:

Woodland Elementary – Recognized for exceptional student performance

Johnson City Schools

Director of Schools Steve Barnett
Principal Dr. Karen Reach
Johnson City, TN 37604

Fifth Consolidated School Elementary – Recognized for excellence in serving special populations of students

Dyer County Schools

Director of Schools Cheryl Mathis
Principal Lou Ann Perry
2150 Millsfield Highway
Dyersburg, TN 38024

The Recommendation:

For information purposes only; no action required.