
2023 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. 7-10, 2024, in Portland, OR. The two Tennessee schools that have been recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools for 2023 are:

East Chester Elementary School – Recognized for exceptional student performance

Chester County Schools

Director of Schools Troy Kilzer
Principal Paden Buckley
708 East Main Street
Henderson, TN 38340

Dresden Elementary – Recognized for excellence in serving special populations of students

Weakley County Schools

Director of Schools Jeff Cupples
Principal Melanie Needham
759 Linden Street, Suite B
Dresden, TN 38225

The Recommendation:

For information purposes only; no action required.