



58 “Beating the Odds” Schools Added to the List of Reward Schools for 2011-2012

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) today released this year’s list of schools “Beating the Odds” (BTO) for 2011-12. Based on traditional risk factors to student achievement, BTO schools are either outperforming their expected ranking or outperforming similarly-situated schools. By virtue of being a BTO school, under the recently approved federal accountability waiver, these schools will also now be deemed Reward Schools.

In August 2012, 286 schools were recognized as Reward Schools for high-performance or high progress in terms of student achievement. In the department’s “Beating the Odds” analysis, a total of 134 schools were identified; however, 44 of those schools were already recognized as Reward Schools for high performance and 32 were already Reward Schools for high progress. This resulted in an additional 58 schools joining the ranks of Reward Schools for 2011-2012.

These are schools whose achievement exceeds expectations or predictions based on the demographic characteristics of the schools and students. The MDE uses the same methodology for identifying the Beating the Odds Reward schools as it has since 2010.

All 134 BTO schools were asked to participate in a voluntary survey to help share their story and factors they believed contributed to their success and designation as a BTO school.

Overwhelmingly, BTO schools cited the following factors as critical in their success:

- Highly effective and committed school staff
- A culture of high expectations for students
- Use of data to inform decisions
- Strong district and school leadership
- Implementing a system of tiered interventions
- Additional tutoring or targeted assistance for students

The Reward School designation is part of Michigan’s comprehensive, new accountability system authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request approved by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition to being publicly recognized for their achievement, Reward Schools will have opportunities to highlight their promising practices at state and local events for educators and the Michigan Department of Education is seeking other supports for Reward Schools such as increased flexibility in the use of federal funds and corporate or philanthropic support. We hope you will join us in congratulating all 344 Reward Schools for 2011-2012 and thanking them for all they are doing for Michigan students.

Additional information about specific schools identified as BTO or Reward Schools for 2011-2012, or for more detailed information about how these designations are determined, please visit: www.michigan.gov/beatingtheodds or www.michigan.gov/rewardschools.

2012 Beating the Odds Schools
(Bold indicates Schools Newly Added to Reward School List)

District Name	School Name
Addison Community Schools	Panther Elementary
Almont Community Schools	Orchard Primary School
Ann Arbor Public Schools	Community High School
Arenac Eastern School District	Arenac Eastern Elementary School
Ashley Community Schools	Ashley Middle School
Au Gres-Sims School District	Au Gres-Sims Elementary School
Bay City School District	Mackensen Elementary School
Bay-Arenac ISD	ISD-Local Programs
Beaver Island Community School	Beaver Island Community School
Benton Harbor Area Schools	Arts & Communications Academy at Fair Plain
Berkley School District	Pattengill School
Berrien RESA	Blossomland Learning Center
Berrien Springs Public Schools	Mars Elementary School
Brimley Area Schools	Brimley Jr./Sr. High
Caseville Public Schools	Caseville Elementary School
Cass City Public Schools	Cass City Middle School
Cass City Public Schools	Cass City Jr. and Sr. High School
Central Academy	Central Academy
Chippewa Hills School District	Chippewa Hills High School
Clinton Community Schools	Clinton High School
Colon Community School District	Leonidas School
Countryside Academy	Countryside Academy-Elementary
Covert Public Schools	Covert Middle School
Crawford AuSable Schools	Grayling High School
Crawford AuSable Schools	Grayling Middle School
Crescent Academy	Crescent Academy
Crestwood School District	Riverside Middle School
Crestwood School District	Kinloch Elementary School
Croswell-Lexington Community Schools	Meyer Elementary School
Croswell-Lexington Community Schools	Frostick School
David Ellis Academy	David Ellis Academy
Davison Community Schools	Davison High School
Davison Community Schools	Hahn Intermediate School

Dearborn City School District
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Dearborn City School District
Deckerville Community School District
DeTour Area Schools
Detroit City School District
Detroit Merit Charter Academy
Detroit Premier Academy
East China School District
East Grand Rapids Public Schools
Eau Claire Public Schools
Edwardsburg Public Schools
Edwardsburg Public Schools
Elk Rapids Schools
Excelsior Township S/D #1
Forest Hills Public Schools
Gaylord Community Schools
Gaylord Community Schools
Gladwin Community Schools
Glen Lake Community Schools
Global Preparatory Academy
Godfrey-Lee Public Schools
Godfrey-Lee Public Schools
Godwin Heights Public Schools
Grand Blanc Community Schools
Grand Haven Area Public Schools
Grand Rapids Public Schools
Grand Rapids Public Schools
Grand Rapids Public Schools
Grand Rapids Public Schools
Grand Rapids Public Schools

Lowrey Middle School
Iris Becker Elementary School
Howe Trainable Center and Montessori
Geer Park Elementary
Henry Ford Early College
Deckerville Elementary School
Drummond Island Elem. School
Bates Academy
Chrysler Elementary School
Cass Technical High School
Kettering West Wing
Harms Elementary School
Ludington Magnet Middle School
Detroit Merit Charter Academy
Detroit Premier Academy
St. Clair High School
Wealthy School
Lybrook Elementary School
Edwardsburg Middle School
Eagle Lake Elementary School
Mill Creek Elementary School
Crawford School
Goodwillie Environmental School
Gaylord Intermediate School
Gaylord Middle School
Gladwin Elementary School
Glen Lake Elementary School
Global Preparatory Academy
Godfrey-Lee Early Childhood Ctr.
Lee High School
North Godwin Elementary School
City School
Lake Hills Elementary School
Center for Economicology
City Middle/High School
Blandford Nature Center
Coit Arts Academy
John Ball Park Zoo School

Grandville Public Schools

Grant Public School District

Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Gwinn Area Community Schools

Haslett Public Schools

Hastings Area School District

Hillman Community Schools

Hopkins Public Schools

Hudsonville Public School District

Ironwood Area Schools of Gogebic County

Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools

Kalamazoo Public Schools

Kent City Community Schools

Kentwood Public Schools

Kentwood Public Schools

Kentwood Public Schools

Kingsley Area Schools

Kingston Community School District

Livonia Public Schools School District

Lowell Area Schools

Ludington Area School District

Madison School District (Lenawee)

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Midland County Educational Service Agency

Montrose Community Schools

New Beginnings Academy

Niles Community Schools

Northport Public School District

Northview Public Schools

Okemos Public Schools

Ottawa Area ISD

Public Schools of Calumet

Public Schools of Petoskey

River Valley School District

Rochester Community School District

Rochester Community School District

Grandville West Elementary School

Grant High School

Brownell Middle School

Richard Elementary School

K.I. Sawyer Elementary School

Haslett Middle School

Star Elementary School

Hillman Elementary School

Sycamore Elementary School

Jamestown Elementary School

Sleight Elementary School

Johannesburg-Lewiston High School

Greenwood Elementary School

Kent City Elementary School

Glenwood Elementary

Townline Elementary

Southwood Elementary

Kingsley Area Elementary School

Kingston High School

Webster Elementary School

Lowell Senior High School

Franklin Elementary School

Madison Middle School

Madison Elementary School

MCESA and Sugnet School Classroom Programs

Hill-McCloy High School

New Beginnings Academy

Ring Lardner Middle School

Northport Public School

West Oakview Elementary School

Okemos Public Montessori-Central

Ottawa Area Center

Calumet High School

Ottawa Elementary School

River Valley High School

North Hill Elementary School

Rochester Adams High School

Rochester Community School District
Rochester Community School District
Rochester Community School District
Saginaw Township Community Schools
Saginaw, School District of the City of
Saugatuck Public Schools
Saugatuck Public Schools
Shepherd Public Schools
South Lyon Community Schools
South Lyon Community Schools
South Lyon Community Schools
Spring Lake Public Schools
Spring Lake Public Schools
St. Joseph County ISD
Star International Academy
Stephenson Area Public Schools
Taylor School District
Three Oaks Public School Academy
Three Rivers Community Schools
Three Rivers Community Schools
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)

Walkerville Public Schools
Warren Consolidated Schools
West Ottawa Public School District
Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
Zeeland Public Schools

University Hills Elem. School
Delta Kelly Elementary School
Van Hoosen Middle School
Hemmeter Elementary School
Handley School
Saugatuck Middle School
Douglas Elementary School
Winn Elementary School
South Lyon East High School
Kent Lake Elementary School
Sharon J. Hardy Elementary School
Jeffers Elementary School
Holmes Elementary School
Pathfinder Center
Star International Academy
Stephenson Middle School
Bernice McDowell Elem. School
Three Oaks Public School Academy
Andrews Elementary School
Norton Elementary School
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD) - Middle
Walkerville Elementary School
Black Elementary School
Pine Creek Elementary School
Whittemore-Prescott Area Middle School
Quincy Elementary School