



The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State Board of Education (SBE) have announced that 186 schools across the state will be honored with 2010 Washington Achievement Awards. The list of schools includes 12 schools in the Lake Washington School District. All award-winning schools will be honored during a ceremony on April 27 at Lincoln High School in Tacoma.

The Washington Achievement Awards recognize the state's top performing schools. Award recipients demonstrate the capacity to profoundly affect student learning.

Schools are recognized as top performers in seven categories: Overall Excellence, Language Arts, Math, Science, Extended Graduation Rate, Improvement and Closing Achievement Gaps. This year is the first time that schools are being recognized specifically for improvement and closing achievement gaps. Some schools are honored in more than one of these categories.

Kirkland Junior High received the award for Overall Excellence- this award goes to the top 5 percent of all elementary, junior high and high schools across the state. We are one of only 19 Junior High / Middle schools in the state to be recognized for this prestigious award.

Ten Lake Washington schools will be recognized for overall excellence: **Lakeview Elementary** (Kirkland), **Mann Elementary** (Redmond), **McAuliffe Elementary** (Sammamish), **Mead Elementary** (Sammamish), **Rockwell Elementary** (Redmond), **Rosa Parks Elementary** (Redmond), **Kirkland Junior High** (Kirkland), **Eastlake High School** (Sammamish), **Juanita High School** (Kirkland) and **Redmond High School** (Redmond).

"The hard work of students, teachers and parents shows in this year's Washington Achievement Awards," said Dr. Chip Kimball, superintendent. "For the second straight year, these awards have confirmed what I know and see every day. Our district has great schools, helping all kids achieve and excel."

Congratulation to the students, staff, parents and the entire Kirkland community!

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