

No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon Schools Criteria

- **Group A: Top 10%** schools in the **top 10** percent of the state with at least 40 percent **disadvantaged** students. Schools that met the criteria of greater than or equal to 40% economically disadvantaged student population, achievement performance within the top 10% (at or above the 90th percentile) of the highest grade assessed, made AYP for at least two consecutive years, and are non-NI were selected. Schools that were previous Blue Ribbon recipients were removed from consideration.
- **Group B: Greatest Gains-** Schools with at least 40 percent **disadvantaged** students that have **dramatically improved** student achievement to high levels. Schools that met the criteria of greater than or equal to 40% economically disadvantaged student population, achievement performance within the top 40% (at or above the 60th percentile) of the highest grade assessed for all calculable subgroups, made AYP for at least two consecutive years and are non-NI were selected. The list was further refined by considering the school's free/reduced lunch percentage, percentage of students meeting AMO in entire school, and degree of academic gain. Previous Blue Ribbon recipients were removed from consideration.
- **Group C: Top 10%** schools in the **top 10** percent of the state with less than a 40% economically disadvantaged student population, achievement performance within the top 10% (at or above the 90th percentile) of the highest grade assessed, made AYP for at least two consecutive years and are non-NI were selected. The list was further refined by considering the school's percentage of students meeting AMO in entire school. Previous Blue Ribbon recipients were removed from consideration.
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- Highest grade level assessed at each school.
- Disadvantaged defined by percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch.
- Nominate at least one elementary, middle and high school and only one school per system.
- Nominations are based on highest rank regardless of geographic location.