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## National Title I

### DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Each year, the National Association of State Title I Directors (NASTID) sponsors the National Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program.

#### Purpose

The Distinguished Schools Award Program is a project to honor Title I schools that have, through innovative approaches as identified by each state, improved student achievement. North Dakota can select a Title I school (targeted assistance or schoolwide) to receive the National Title I Distinguished Schools award in one of the following categories:

*Category One:* School that has exceeded its adequate yearly progress for two or more years.  
NCLB, Section 1117(b)(1)(B)(ii)

*Category Two:* School that has significantly closed the achievement gap between student groups.  
NCLB, Section 1117(b)(1)(B)(i)

#### Criteria

Schools interested in applying for this award must have:

- Had a poverty rate of at least 35% during the 2010-2011 school year,
- Made AYP for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, and
- Demonstrated high academic achievement for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

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Any school that is interested in this award and meets the requirements listed above must:

1. Complete the School Participation Form.
2. Complete the Title I Distinguished School Program Application.
3. Complete a one-page school description. Components to be considered include:
  - Teaching and learning based on state standards
  - Use of research-based instructional strategies
  - Providing opportunities for all children to achieve
  - Coordination with other programs
  - Professional development
  - Partnerships with parents, families, and communities

The school will be rated in each category as:

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| ★ Exemplary     | ★ Moderate Evidence |
| ★ High Evidence | ★ No Evidence       |

Please note, only schools that receive ratings of Exemplary or High Evidence in each of the five categories listed above may be nominated for this national recognition.

Distinguished Title I schools selected across the nation will be honored at the 2012 National Title I Conference January 21-24 in Seattle, WA. The state Title I office will sponsor two staff members to attend and accept this award for their school. In addition, Distinguished Schools will receive a grant award to supplement their Title I program for the 2011-2012 school year.

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The application packet is not on our website as we want to have a record of the schools that are completing the application. If you are interested in applying for this national award, please contact:

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**Application packets are due to the state Title I office no later than September 23, 2011.**