

TEAM Riverside Receives State Award for Educational Excellence

Chattaroy, WA—Spring 2026 Riverside School District is honored to have been selected as 1 of 25 award-winning school districts for the State Superintendent’s Award for Educational Excellence in Student Progress.

The State Superintendent’s Award for Educational Excellence recognizes the 25 top-performing school districts in educational achievement in the previous school year and the 25 top-performing school districts in progress over the last three school years.

“This prestigious award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, families, and greater community,” said Superintendent Dr. Ken Russell. “We truly have something special here in **TEAM Riverside**. Our focus on people, relationships, culture, and systems is paying off when it comes to student outcomes. And we are only scratching the surface. This award for educational excellence symbolized one step further towards our vision of being the best rural school district in the region.”

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) evaluates school districts for the award based on the metrics of student opportunity and outcomes below.

Student Opportunity Measures

- Regular Attendance
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Highly Capable Program Participation
- High School Level Math in 8th Grade
- Dual Credit Participation Including Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Dual Credit Participation Excluding CTE

Student Outcome Measures

- 4th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Math
- Ninth Graders on Track
- 4-Year Graduation Rate

The award criteria align with the state’s [Annual Snapshot on Student Opportunity and Outcomes](#), which shows how individual districts and the state as a whole are progressing on key focus areas.

“It is an honor to recognize Riverside School District for their dedication to student opportunity and success,” said State Superintendent Chris Reykdal. “From high-quality instruction, to targeted strategies, to improving attendance, to ensuring all students have access to advanced coursework, Riverside School District is an inspiring representation of Washington’s outstanding public schools.”

TEAM Riverside will receive a banner and a plaque from OSPI recognizing their achievement and commitment to student success. This is the inaugural year of this state award.

For More Information

- [State Superintendent’s Award for Educational Excellence](#)