



Center Announcement

U.S. School Districts Honored for Technology Performance

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Winners of the sixth annual Digital School Districts Survey have been announced by e.Republic's Center for Digital Education, the National School Boards Association and Converge Online magazine. The Survey's purpose is to recognize school districts and school boards across the nation whose use of digital technology in interfacing with students, parents and community, district governing, and bettering of operations proved exceptional.

Participation in the survey was open to all U.S. public school districts which were placed in three categories based on size of enrollment. Those districts which demonstrated the most comprehensive use of digital standards were chosen as the top ten-ranking districts.

Marina Leight, vice president of the Center for Digital Education, said, "With digital education tools rapidly evolving, U.S. schools have shown great diligence in advancing quality education by implementing successful applications in support of 21st century education. We applaud this year's winners for their creative and innovative accomplishments."

"While technology's role to transform learning is critical, its impact as a resource that enhances communications and improves productivity cannot be overlooked," said NSBA Executive Director, Anne L. Bryant. "These districts are capitalizing on their ability to provide more transparent and efficient services at a time when budgets are tighter than ever. Educators will have a first-hand opportunity to learn about Jeffco's successes during one of NSBA's 2010 education technology site visits in May. NSBA is pleased that the school boards in these districts have empowered their administrators to embrace today's tools and serve as models for others across the nation. "

Founded in 1940, the National School Boards Association (www.nsba.org) is a not-for-profit federation of state associations of school boards representing 95,000 local school board members throughout the United States. Its mission is to foster excellence and equity in public elementary and secondary education through local school board leadership. NSBA represents the school board perspective in working with federal government agencies and national organizations that impact education, and provides vital information and services to state associations of school boards throughout the nation.

The Center for Digital Education is a national research and advisory institute providing education and industry leaders with decision support, research and educational services to help them effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century. For more information on the Center visit www.centerdigitaled.com.

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2009 Digital School Districts Survey - Top Ten-Ranking Winners - *Congratulations!*

Large Category - More than 15,000 students:

- 1st Jefferson County Public Schools, Colo.
- 2nd Dysart Unified School District, Ariz. (tie)
- 2nd Prince William County Public Schools, Va. (tie)
- 3rd Clark County School District, Nev. (tie)
- 3rd Clayton County Public Schools, Ga. (tie)
- 3rd Forsyth County School District, Ga. (tie)
- 4th Frederick County Public Schools, Md.
- 5th Cleveland County Schools, N.C.
- 6th Richmond County School System, Ga.
- 7th Loudoun County Public Schools, Va.
- 8th Blue Valley Unified School District 229, Kan. (tie)
- 8th Fayette County Schools, Ga. (tie)
- 9th Allen Independent School District, Texas
- 10th Colorado Springs School District 11, Colo. (tie)
- 10th Denton Independent School District, Texas (tie)

Medium Category - 2,501 - 15,000 students:

- 1st Madison City Schools, Ala.
- 2nd Fayetteville Public Schools, Ark.
- 3rd Howell Township Public Schools, N.J.
- 4th Geneseo Community Unit School District 228, Ill. (tie)
- 4th Township High School District 214, Ill. (tie)

- 5th Vineland School District, N.J.
- 6th Averill Park Central School District, N.Y.
- 7th Jones County Schools, Ga. (tie)
- 7th Madison County School District, Ky. (tie)
- 8th Jefferson City Schools, Ga.
- 9th Southwest Independent School District, Texas
- 10th Marietta City Schools, Ga. (tie)
- 10th West Des Moines Community Schools, Iowa (tie)

Small Category - Less than 2,500 students:

- 1st Lower Moreland Township School District, Pa.
- 2nd Tornillo Independent School District, Texas
- 3rd Beggs Public Schools, Okla. (tie)
- 3rd North Mason School District, Wash. (tie)
- 4th Chickamauga City School System, Ga.
- 5th Gooding Joint School District #231, Idaho
- 6th Readington Township Public Schools, N.J.
- 7th Spackenkill Union Free School District, N.Y.
- 8th Avoca School District 37, Ill.
- 9th Orange City Schools, Ohio
- 10th Charlton County School System, Ga.

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