



# **Riverside Public School**

**District 96**

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## Press Release

### **District 96 schools earn Illinois State Board of Education Academic Excellence Award**

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Northern Illinois University (NIU) announced that 459 schools made the **2010 Illinois Academic Excellence Honor Roll** for sustained high performance for at least three (3) years.

“These Honor Roll schools continue to prove that hard work and reform efforts impact student achievement even as the bar to making Adequate Yearly Progress is raised,” said State Superintendent Christopher A. Koch. “We hope administrators, teachers, parents, students and community members can celebrate their local schools’ success.”

The **Academic Excellence Award for 2010** is based on the following criteria:

- In schools serving Grads 8 and below, 90 percent of students must have met or exceeded state standards in both Reading and Mathematics for the three (3) most recent school years.
- Schools must have made Adequate Yearly Progress in 2009 and 2010 as required by No Child Left Behind.

Over the past two years, 4 of the District’s 5 schools have earned the Illinois State Board of Education **Academic Excellence Award** based on outstanding student achievement:

- Blythe, Central and Hauser in 2009.
- Central, Hollywood and Hauser in 2010.

The complete list of 2010 award winners can be found by visiting the following website: <http://www.ilhonorroll.niu.edu> .