

**NAACP  
Howard County Branch  
Education Committee  
Academic Report Card Award Presentation  
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For the past 8 years, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Howard County Branch Education Committee has developed an annual Academic Report Card for each school in the Howard County Public School System. We report statistics for African American children in the following areas: attendance, drop-out rates, graduation rates, suspensions, and MSA and HSA test scores, and assign "grades" (A, A-, B, etc.) based on applicable school laws (NCLB) and guidelines.

This year, all but 8 schools earned at least one grade in the A or B range in one or more of the categories we monitor. Those schools will receive a Certificate of Excellence signed by Mr. Jenkins Odoms, Jr. NAACP Howard County Branch President, and myself.

Today, we would like to highlight the 13 schools that earned all As and Bs and the one school that received all As. Each school with all As and Bs will be presented with a Distinguished Award. They are:

1. Bellows Spring Elementary School - Principal - Jacqueline Klamerus
2. Bushy Park Elementary School - Principal - Rebecca Straw
3. Centennial Lane Elementary School - Principal - Florence Hu
4. Clarksville Elementary School - Principal - Brad Herling
5. Dayton Oaks Elementary School - Principal - Kimberlyn Pratesi
6. Forest Ridge Elementary School - Principal - Allan Olchowski
7. Fulton Elementary School - Principal - Karen Moore-Roby
8. Northfield Elementary School - Principal - Steve Meconi
9. Pointers Run Elementary School - Principal - Darlene Fila
10. Thunder Hill Elementary School - Principal - John Birus
11. Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School - Principal - Susan Webster
12. Waterloo Elementary School – Principal Arlene Harrison
13. Clarksville Middle School - Principal - JoAnn Hutchens

We applaud those 13 schools.

This year, we have one school that earned all As in the categories of attendance, suspensions, and MSA test scores for African American children in all grades. The school to receive the only Exemplary Award is:

- ❖ Ilchester Elementary – Principal - John Morningstar

Congratulations! We thank the principals, staff, parents, and students for the time and energy they continue to devote to maintaining high academic standards and to eliminating achievement gaps among all students, especially African American youth.