



Three District Schools Named Wisconsin Title I Schools of Recognition

State Superintendent Tony Evers recently announced that Grove Elementary, Howe Elementary, and Mead Elementary Charter School will be among 173 schools in Wisconsin to receive the Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition Award. Supt. Evers stated, "I want to congratulate these schools as examples of the success we need in all of our schools to close achievement gaps. These awards recognize the work by students and their parents along with teachers, school administrators, and school staff members to break the link between poverty and low academic achievement."

The criteria necessary to achieve the School of Recognition award includes:

- Schools receive federal Title I aid because they have significant numbers of students from low-income families based on federal free and reduced-price school meal income guidelines
- Schools meet the state's test-participation, attendance, and dropout goals
- "Beating the Odds" school awards received by Grove, Howe, and Mead are also in the top 25 percent of high-poverty schools in the state
- Have above-average student achievement in reading and mathematics when compared to schools from similarly sized districts, schools, grade configurations, and poverty levels

Grove has received the School of Recognition award for two consecutive years, while Howe has received the award seven years in a row, and this is the third year in a row for Mead. In addition to receiving a plaque at a special ceremony in Madison in October, each school is also awarded \$500 for use during the school year.

Congratulations!

