
2024 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition

The Background:

The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) has been selecting examples of superior Title I schools from all states for national recognition since 1996. Each year, Tennessee selects two schools for recognition – one for exceptional student performance and one for excellence in serving special populations of students.

The schools recognized demonstrate a wide array of strengths, including team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development opportunities for staff, individualized programs for student success, and strong partnerships between the school, parents, and the community.

This year's schools were recognized at the National ESEA Conference February 19-21, 2025, in Austin, TX. The two Tennessee schools that have been recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools for 2024 are:

South Knox Elementary

Knox County Schools

Director of Schools Jon Rysewyk
Principal Dr. Tanna Nicely
801 Sevier Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37920

Cherokee Elementary

Johnson City Schools

Director of Schools Steve Barnett
Principal Richard Hutson
2100 Cherokee Rd
Johnson City, TN 37604

The Recommendation:

This item is for information purposes only; no action is required.