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**2025 Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition**

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**The Background:**

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. In the past, the U. S. Department of Education managed the program to seek out and celebrate great American schools demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels. More than 9,000 schools across the country have been presented with this coveted award.

In 2025, the U. S. Department of Education abruptly ended the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program shortly before the schools were scheduled to be recognized in Washington D.C. The Tennessee Department of Education remains committed to honoring these schools and their accomplishments.

The six public schools in Tennessee that have been recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2025 are:

**Hume - Fogg High School**

**Metro Nashville Public Schools**

Director of Schools Adrienne Battle  
Principal Dr. Kelly Hargis  
700 Broadway  
Nashville, TN 37203

**EastView Elementary School**

**Greeneville City Schools**

Director of Schools Steve Starnes  
Principal Kelly Ford  
454 E Bernard Ave  
Greeneville, TN 37745

**McFadden School Of**

**Excellence**

**Rutherford County Schools**

Director of Schools James Sullivan  
Principal Dr. Clark Blair  
221 Bridge Ave  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

**Findlay Elementary**

**White County Schools**

Director of Schools Kurt Dronebarger  
Principal Rebecca Ryan  
560 Hale Street,  
Sparta, TN 38583

**Chuckey Doak Middle School**

**Greene County Schools**

Director of Schools Dr. Chris Malone  
Principal Tammy Swinney  
120 Chuckey Doak Road  
Afton, TN 37616

**Discovery School**

**Murfreesboro City Schools**

Director of Schools Bobby Duke  
Principal Dr. Caitlin Bullard  
1165 Middle Tennessee Blvd  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

**The Recommendation:**

For information purposes only; no action required.