290-4-1-.05 Legislative School Performance Recognition Program.

(1) The Legislative School Performance Recognition Program is created within the State Department of Education to reward public schools that either:

(a) Demonstrate high performance by being ranked in the top25 percent of public schools, as ranked in the schoolgrading system and state education accountability rules.

(b) Demonstrate exemplary progress by improving the overall annual ranking of the school by at least one letter grade, as ranked in the school grading system and state education accountability rules.

(c) Demonstrate other criteria hereafter set forth by the Legislature.

(2) All public schools that are ranked in the school grading system are eligible to participate in the program.

(3) The State Superintendent of Education shall prescribe guidelines for how the program shall be administered and implemented.

(4) Selected schools shall receive financial awards depending on the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature to the program. The State Superintendent of Education shall distribute funds to eligible schools on a competitive basis based on the criteria set forth in this section as well as in the guidelines governing how the program is to be administered and implemented. No school may be eligible for an award pursuant to multiple classifications at the same time.

(5) A list of schools eligible for an award pursuant to this section shall be annually posted by the State Superintendent of Education on the website of the department.

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