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Eight IUSD schools earn California Distinguished School honors for 2010 *The local elementary campuses are among 484 exemplary schools recognized*

IRVINE, Calif. – Eight elementary schools in the Irvine Unified School District have earned the state’s highest level of recognition for public schools, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell announced today.

Bonita Canyon, Meadow Park, Oak Creek, Stone Creek, Stonegate, Turtle Rock and University Park elementary schools were all named California Distinguished Schools for 2010, as was Plaza Vista School, a K-8 campus.

“For eight of our schools to earn the California Distinguished School designation in a single year is nothing short of remarkable,” said Sharon Wallin, president of IUSD’s Board of Education. “I am particularly proud that our campuses have been able to sustain excellence even in the midst of the state fiscal crisis. This recognition is, without question, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, parents and community.”

Now in its 25th year, the California School Recognition Program spotlights exemplary elementary and secondary campuses in alternating years. This year, 484 elementary schools were honored after each submitted a comprehensive narrative application – one that outlined at least two signature practices leading to an increase in student performance and a narrowing of the achievement gap – and took part in a thorough site visit.

Schools were deemed eligible to apply based on their Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress results, which are the state and federal accountability models, respectively.

Campuses in the Irvine Unified School District have now earned the label of California Distinguished School 48 times since 1986. **(See the chart below.)** Last year, seven middle and high schools were recognized.

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IUSD ... providing the highest quality educational experience we can envision.

This year's California Distinguished School recipients will retain the designation through 2014, when they are eligible to reapply, and all of the 2010 honorees are set to be celebrated during an awards ceremony on June 4 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim.

For more information on California Distinguished Schools, or to view the complete list of 2010 recipients, go to www.cde.ca.gov.

IUSD California Distinguished Schools (1986 through the present)	Years
Alderwood Basics Plus School	2002, 2008
Bonita Canyon Elementary	1989, 2006, 2010
Brywood Elementary	1991
Canyon View Elementary	2002, 2008
College Park Elementary	2006
Culverdale Elementary	1998
Deerfield Elementary	2006
Greentree Elementary	1998
Irvine High	1988, 2007
Lakeside Middle	2005, 2009
Los Naranjos Elementary	1998
Meadow Park Elementary	1998, 2010
Northwood Elementary	2002
Northwood High	2005, 2009
Oak Creek Elementary	2010
Plaza Vista School	2010
Rancho San Joaquin Middle	1996, 2009
Santiago Hills Elementary	1998
Sierra Vista Middle	1996, 2009
South Lake Middle	1999, 2009
Springbrook Elementary	2000
Stone Creek Elementary	1998, 2010
Stonegate Elementary (Formerly Westwood Basics Plus)	1998, 2010
Turtle Rock Elementary	2002, 2010
University High	1988, 1992
University Park Elementary	2000, 2010
Venado Middle	1994, 2009
Vista Verde Elementary	1993
Westpark Elementary	2002
Woodbridge High	1986, 2009