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Two schools in northwestern Fontana are named California Distinguished Schools

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Two schools located in northwestern Fontana have been named 2012 California Distinguished Schools, state officials announced this past week.

David W. Long Elementary School and West Heritage Elementary School, which are part of the Etiwanda School District, were among 17 elementary schools from San Bernardino County to receive this honor.

Also receiving the award were three other Etiwanda School District schools -- Golden, Grapeland, and Lightfoot.

A total of 387 California public elementary schools gained this distinction, said Tom Torlakson, the California superintendent of public instruction.

"I am extremely proud of the efforts of these outstanding schools to boost academic achievement for their students," County Superintendent Gary Thomas said. "I applaud the work of the students, teachers, staff and administrators, as well as the district leadership, in being named a California Distinguished School."

Initiated in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Program honors elementary and secondary schools in alternate years. The award is recognition of the school's educational program, including high expectations for all students, the implementation of state-adopted standards, and results in narrowing the achievement gap.

San Bernardino County Distinguished Schools, as well as those from Orange and Riverside counties, will be honored at a regional awards ceremony on May 4 in Ontario.



David W. Long Elementary School in northwestern Fontana was named a California Distinguished School last week. Also earning this high honor was West Heritage School in Fontana.