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Sixteen Inland schools win California's top award

The campuses, from Corona to Victorville, have won recognition as state Distinguished Schools.



Western Center Academy in Hemet, seen in 2010, was named a California Distinguished School on Monday, Feb. 25. (File photo by Frank Bellino, contributing photographer)

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Sixteen Inland public schools have been honored as Distinguished Schools for their quality and achievements.

They are among 162 middle and high schools announced Monday, Feb. 25, as [Distinguished School](#) award winners by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

The program honors campuses with outstanding education programs and practices that have led to exceptional student performance for two consecutive school years or closed the achievement gap between two school years, a news release states.

The Inland area winners are, in Riverside County:

- Corona Fundamental Intermediate School
- Western Center Academy, Hemet
- Nuview Bridge Early College High School
- Riverside Virtual School
- San Jacinto Leadership Academy

In San Bernardino County, they are:

- Vineyard Junior High School, Rancho Cucamonga
- Canyon Hills Junior High School, Chino Hills
- Ruben S. Ayala High School, Chino Hills
- Day Creek Intermediate School, Etiwanda
- Etiwanda Intermediate School
- Heritage Intermediate School, Fontana
- Summit Intermediate School, Etiwanda
- Redlands High School
- Richardson Prep Hi Middle School, San Bernardino
- Fort Irwin Middle School
- University Preparatory, Victorville

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