



Christie Administration Recognizes 11 School Districts for Outstanding Second Language Programs

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Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Education today recognized 11 districts for outstanding second language programs. The districts, which were honored at a ceremony in Robbinsville, will serve as models of best practices in world language, bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs.

With assistance from the Department, the New Jersey Supervisors of World Languages and the Statewide Advisory Committee for Bilingual and ESL Education developed criteria and reviewed applications to designate the 11 exemplary second language programs. The programs were identified through a process that included extensive program review, as well as a site visit conducted by state officials, college professors, and world language and bilingual/ESL program supervisors.

"By honoring the work of these 11 districts for creating models for teaching world language, ESL and bilingual programs, we make it possible for other districts to replicate and build upon their success," said Education Commissioner David C. Hespe. "I applaud those districts that are willing to share their best practices so that we can collectively improve second language programs for students in every school."

The Department recognizes exemplary second language programs every two years. The 11 model programs will serve as resource centers for other districts for the next two years. Educators can visit the schools to observe exemplary practices in second language teaching, learning and assessment in the classroom. Administrators and teachers will also be able to discuss issues of mutual concern with staff from the centers, as well as have the potential for collaboration on their second language programs.

Of the 11 awards, six were presented for world language programs and five for bilingual/ESL programs.

The six districts receiving awards for world languages are:

County	District or Charter School	Program
Bergen	Englewood Public Schools	Elementary Immersion World Languages Program
Hudson	Hoboken Dual Language Charter School	Dual Language Program
Mercer	Princeton Public Schools	K-12 World Languages Program
Mercer	West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District	K-12 World Languages Program
Monmouth	Fair Haven School District	World Languages Program
Morris	West Morris Regional High School District	World Languages Program

The five districts receiving awards for bilingual/ESL include:

County	District or Charter School	Program
Cumberland	Vineland School District	K-5 Bilingual Program
Monmouth	Howell Township Public Schools	K-8 ESL Program
Somerset	Franklin Township School District	K-4 and 9-12 ESL Program; K-4 Bilingual Program

Union	Elizabeth School District	K-12 Bilingual Program
Union	Linden Public Schools	K-12 ESL Program