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## Three Schools Named 2014-2015 Schools of Excellence

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**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** - Three West Virginia Schools have been named Schools of Excellence for the 2014-2015 school year.

George Washington Elementary School in Putnam County, Brandywine Elementary School in Pendleton County and Maxwell Hill Elementary in Raleigh County were selected to receive the honor.

"I offer my congratulations to the principals, teachers, parents and students for their hard work and dedication to helping their school become a School of Excellence," said state Superintendent of Schools Jim Phares. "These schools have shown how to continually exceed the academic bar and they deserve this recognition."

Schools of Excellence are selected based on the following criteria: a rigorous and challenging curriculum; a safe and drug-free learning environment; participatory leadership; active teaching and learning; an environment that strengthens teacher skills; documented student achievement; and implementing advanced and innovated programs.

Schools will be recognized with a reception and banquet on Oct. 9 at the Clay Center in Charleston.

For more information about West Virginia Schools of Excellence, contact Nancy Cline, coordinator for the Office of School Improvement, at 304-558-3199, or [nmcline@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:nmcline@access.k12.wv.us), or contact Liza Cordeiro in the WVDE Communication Office at 304-558-2699.

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