# Virginia Department of Education

# Office of ESEA Programs

## National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition Program

## 2022-2023 School Participation Form

**Please check category of nomination.**

      Category 1: Exceptional student performance for two consecutive years

      Category 2: Closing the achievement gap between student groups

      Category 3: Excellence in serving special populations of students

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Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name:

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Address:

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City and Zip:

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Superintendent’s Name:

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|  | Grades Served: |  |

School Name:

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School Address, City, State, Zip:

Name and Title of Person Submitting Application:

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Email Address and Phone Number of Person Submitting Application:

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School Principal’s Name & Phone Number:

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Principal’s Email Address:

By agreeing to participate as a candidate for nomination to the 2022-2023 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition Program, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the following statements are true:

1. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has not issued any letter of findings to the Local Education Agency (LEA) concluding that the school has violated one or more of the civil rights statutes or that there is an LEA-wide violation that may affect the school. If such a letter of findings has been issued, the LEA has remedied the violation(s) with a corrective action deemed suitable by OCR.
2. The nominated school has not refused OCR access to information necessary either to investigate a civil rights complaint or to conduct an LEA-wide compliance review.
3. The Department of Justice does not have a pending suit against the LEA alleging that the nominated school or the LEA as a whole has violated one or more of the civil rights statutes or the Constitution’s equal protection clauses.
4. There are no findings or violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in a U.S. Department of Education monitoring report that apply to the nominated school or LEA in question. If there are such findings, the LEA has corrected, or agreed to correct such findings.
5. The nominated school has an obligation under Section 2(b) of the Rehabilitation Act to ensure that its proposed program(s) “is/are accessible to persons with disabilities.”
6. The nominated school has no history of significant testing irregularities.

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Signature of Division Superintendent (or designee) Date

This form must be submitted with the application to [ESSA@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:ESSA@doe.virginia.gov) by **3:00 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2022**.

Please direct your questions to Latonia Anderson at (804) 225-2907 or [Latonia.Anderson @doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Shyla.Vesitis@doe.virginia.gov).