

# Press Release



## Battle Ground Public Schools

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### BG HomeLinks are ‘Schools of Distinction’



**Colleen O’Neal, principal  
Battle Ground HomeLink**



**Mark Clements, principal  
HomeLink River**

HomeLink Battle Ground and River HomeLink have been named 2011 Washington State Schools of Distinction based on improvement in standardized tests scores.

This is a repeat award for both schools, which provide parent-partnered public education for home-schooling families.

HomeLink Battle Ground is at 715 NW Onsdorff Blvd. The principal is Colleen O’Neal. HomeLink River moved this year from Camas to the Maple Grove campus at 601 SW Eaton Blvd, also known as 199<sup>th</sup> Street. The principal is Mark Clements.

Nine schools in Southwest Washington are among the 98 Schools of Distinction statewide, based on improvement in reading and math test scores over the past five years. ESD 112, based in Vancouver, plans to recognize the nine on Jan. 20.

The awards are presented annually by the Center for Educational Effectiveness in Redmond, Wash., in association with educational service districts, the state chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, state associations of school administrators and school directors and the state Association for the Supervision of Curriculum Development.

Here's how the Center for Educational Effectiveness explains the selection process:

**“To earn School of Distinction status, schools must be performing at least at the state average in each grade level measured in their school (3rd through 8th and 10th grade) on reading and math assessments as measured in the spring 2011 Measures of Student Progress and High School Proficiency exams.**

**”Schools meeting this requirement were then evaluated on combined reading and math improvement over the past 5 years. The top five percent of the elementary schools, middle/junior high schools, high schools and alternative schools are designated as Schools of Distinction.”**

**More information:** Center for Educational Effectiveness’ “Schools of Distinction” Website: <http://www.effectiveness.org/schools-of-distinction.aspx>  
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