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BULLETIN NO. 013-23 ELEMENTARY, EARLY LEARNING, AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
High School Principals
High School Counselors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Washington State Honors Award Nominations

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

This bulletin provides instructions to assist high schools in identifying students who qualify for a 2023 Washington State Honors Award from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

The Washington State Honors Award Program was established to promote academic achievement among high school students enrolled in public and approved private schools by recognizing outstanding achievement of graduating seniors.

The top ten percent of Washington's eligible graduating seniors will receive a Washington State Honors Award. The identification of eligible students is determined by a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) and the demonstration of academic achievement in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematic assessments which can include the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the American College Test (ACT), the statewide ELA and mathematics assessments, and local assessments. To receive an award, a student must also have completed at least 75 percent of the credits required for graduation and be enrolled in at least three academic core subjects in grade 12.

Process

The Washington State Honors Award recipients will be identified by high school staff and then submitted to OSPI through an [online survey](#).

Please refer to Attachment A: *Honors Award Identification Instructions* for the steps to identify eligible students. Schools will need to submit this survey for students to be officially awarded.

Thank you for your assistance with this process. OSPI will email the Honors Award certificate, along with further instructions, to each high school that has 2023 Washington State Honors Award recipients after the identification window has closed, no later than May 12.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Tony May, Rural Education Program Supervisor, at 360-972-4047 or email tony.may@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins](#) page of the OSPI website.

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Attachment A: Honors Award Identification Instructions

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