

# **Alaska Selection Process National Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program 2014-2015**

**Alaska will identify Title I schools eligible for nomination according to the following criteria:**

- Title I school (either schoolwide or targeted assistance) with poverty rate of at least 35% or higher in 2014-2015.
- May not have received Title I Distinguished School or Blue Ribbon Schools national recognition in previous two school years.

***For Exceptional Student Performance for two or more years:***

- Is designated as a Reward School in the Highest Performing Category based on 2014 results

***For Closing the Achievement Gap between Student Groups:***

- Is designated as a Reward School in the High Progress category based on 2014 assessment results
  - Includes progress in one or more of these subgroups: economically disadvantaged, Alaska Native, LEP, or students with disabilities.

## **Application Process**

The state contacts the Title I Coordinator in each district with an eligible school to determine whether the school would like to apply to participate in the National Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program. To apply, the school must –

- **Complete a Title I Distinguished Schools Application Form providing evidence of effectiveness in the following areas:**
  - Research-based instructional strategies
  - Providing opportunities for all children to achieve
  - Coordination of Title I with other programs
  - Professional development
  - Partnerships with parents/families/communities
  - Leadership
- **Complete a School Description**
- **Agree to a virtual site visit through audio or videoconference with EED staff**

School applications will be reviewed and will receive one of the following ratings in each category: **Exemplary, High Evidence, Moderate Evidence, or No Evidence**

Only schools that receive ratings of “Exemplary” or “High Evidence” in each of the categories may be nominated for national recognition.

**Each school nominated by EED for national recognition will be invited to attend the Title I National Conference.**