

National Recognition

National Honors

The **Blue Ribbon Schools Program** (<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html>) is a national recognition program that honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. The U.S.

Department of Education awarded two of the Kings Local School District elementary schools the acclaimed National Blue Ribbon Award. J.F. Burns Elementary received this honorary award in 1994, and on September 15, 2009 U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan announced South Lebanon Elementary as a 2009 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon. Only # of schools meet the rigorous **selection criteria** (<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=122&ContentID=2513&Content=80017>) to receive this national recognition.