



St. Giles School is named a 2010 Blue Ribbon School

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St. Giles School is named a 2010 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their state or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. St. Giles is the recipient of this award due to their consistent academic excellence

St. Giles is one of 300 schools, and one of 50 private schools, to win this award in 2010. Given that there are 33,366 private K-12 schools in the U.S., this is an amazing feat.

Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Using standards of excellence evidenced by student achievement measures and the characteristics known from research to epitomize school quality, the Department celebrates schools of excellence. St. Giles is one of those schools.

St. Giles, along with the other schools, were honored on November 15th and 16th in Washington D.C. with the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

“I am thrilled to receive this award,” said Sue Poetzel, principal of St. Giles School. “This award is a testament to all of the hard work of our community—our teachers, faculty, students and parents.”

St. Giles benefits from a longstanding and committed core of teachers and staff. Principal Susan Poetzel has been in her position for six years. Prior to assuming the role as principal, Poetzel taught at the school for 15 years and she has many staff members with long tenure, she said. “That leads to stability in a school and chance to improve,” she said. “Our staff works well with our parents to provide a strong education to their students,” said Poetzel. “We really are a community that works together to help our children become well-rounded individuals,” Poetzel said.