

Deep Run High named National Blue Ribbon School

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A Henrico County high school has received national acclaim.

Deep Run High School was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education on Monday, a sought-after distinction given to top schools across the U.S.

“It’s a tremendous honor that wouldn’t be possible without the efforts of our students, their families, our teachers, staff and the entire Wildcat community,” said Deep Run Principal Lenny Pritchard in a statement. “Amazing things can happen

when communities come together to do what’s best for students, and Deep Run is very grateful to be recognized on the national stage.”

The Glen Allen high school is one of eight Virginia schools to be named a Blue Ribbon school this year and is the only high school. A total of 349 schools across the U.S. earned the title this year.

Deep Run was nominated as a high-performing school — one of two categories for the Blue Ribbon process — and it’s one of Virginia’s most academically successful schools.

With its selection, Deep Run became the 15th Henrico school to be named a

Blue Ribbon school since the program’s 1982 inception.

The others are:

- ◆ Brookland Middle School in 1984, 1985
- ◆ Douglas Freeman High School in 1992, 1993
- ◆ George F. Baker Elementary School in 1996, 1997
- ◆ Quioccasin Middle School in 1999, 2000
- ◆ Hermitage High School in 1983, 1984
- ◆ Jacob L. Adams Elementary School in 1998, 1999
- ◆ Mills E. Godwin High School in 1988, 1989
- ◆ Nuckols Farm Elementary School in 2012
- ◆ Pocahontas Middle School in 2006

- ◆ R.C. Longan Elementary School in 1985, 1986

- ◆ Shady Grove Elementary School in 2007

- ◆ Short Pump Elementary School in 2003

- ◆ Tuckahoe Middle School in 1994, 1995 and 1996

- ◆ Twin Hickory Elementary School in 2014

There’s no money attached to the award, but the schools are honored at an annual awards ceremony in Washington and receive an engraved plaque, along with a flag with the official seal signifying its status and the year of its award.

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