



Holy Trinity Interparochial School 2011 National Blue Ribbon School

Our school community is the proud recipient of the prestigious 2011 National Blue Ribbon School award by the United States Department of Education. HTIS applied as a High Performing School defined by the Department of Education as “schools that are ranked among the state's highest performing schools. Blue Ribbon Schools are nationally recognized as some of America's most successful schools. The achievement of the school's students in the most recent year tested places the school among the highest performing schools in the nation in reading (or English language arts) and mathematics as measured by a nationally normed test.”

The application process is a yearlong evaluation following the nomination. The application requires:

- **Five years of data on test scores, demographics, student retention, staff and student-teacher ratios**
- **Narratives describing the Mission, history and milestones of the school**
- **Narratives on curriculum and how assessment data are used systematically in decision-making processes to improve teaching and learning**
- **Narratives about curriculum including how students acquire foundational reading skills, including comprehension, efforts the school makes to improve the mathematics skills of students and other curriculum area, such as science, social studies/history, or technology, showing how it relates to the student's acquisition of essential skills and knowledge based on the school's mission**
- **Narratives describing how the school differentiates instruction, the leadership philosophy and structure in the school, along with the role of the principal and the school's professional development program and its impact on student achievement**

The Blue Ribbon Program is part of a larger U.S. Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices using standards of excellence. Our designation as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence acknowledges HTIS student achievement, demonstrating the characteristics known from research to exemplify school quality. We have been recognized as one of the outstanding schools in the country and will serve as a model for other schools throughout the nation.