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JEFFCO SCHOOLS WIN ACADEMIC ACCOLADES AND RECOGNITION

Forty-two Jeffco schools received academic awards from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), with some Jeffco schools walking away with double awards.

Edgewater Elementary School is a [*2014 Center For Excellence*](#) school. The award recognizes schools that demonstrate the highest sustained rates of student longitudinal growth as measured by the Colorado Growth Model — among those that have at least 75 percent at-risk students.

The *John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award* goes to schools with excellent academic achievement on the three-year school performance framework. There are 26 Jeffco schools that exceeded expectations on the academic achievement indicator. [See the list of 2014 John Irwin recipients here.](#)

The *Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award* was awarded to 23 Jeffco schools that demonstrated excellent student growth. These schools exceeded expectations related to academic growth gaps. [See the list of 2014 Governor's award recipients here.](#)

"These school awards reflect the amazing work that happens in our schools every day and shows that our excellent teachers and principals continue to focus on student achievement and closing learning gaps," said Superintendent Dan McMinimee. "We celebrate this news and know we are all committed to kids."

[Read the official 2014 CDE awards news release.](#)