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Horace Mann School cited for math scores

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Horace Mann would be proud.

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce recognized the Bayonne school named for the pioneering educator as one of 69 schools statewide that outperformed others of similar size on state assessment tests, the Bayonne Board of Education announced last week.

The Business Coalition for Education, a part of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, designated Horace Mann School a 2006 Just for the Kids New Jersey Benchmark School because the number of eighth-grade students who ranked proficient or higher in mathematics grew by more than 44 percent, said principal Charles Costello.

The BCEE notified Horace Mann about the award in March and presented it on April 25, Costello said.

Costello said the awards recognized a team effort by educators throughout the school, not just those teaching eighth-graders.

"It was seen as a building award, because the kids start in kindergarten, and they go up through everybody," Costello said.

"Every teacher here had a hand in it somewhere along the way."

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