

Nine Mercer schools earn state recognition

Nine schools in Mercer County were named 2007 Just for the Kids-New Jersey Benchmark Schools for their achievements on the state's proficiency assessments.

Using data from the state's High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) or NJ Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK), the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence designates benchmark schools. The coalition uses assessment results posted annually on www.just4kids.org.

The schools are John Wither- spoon Middle School, Princeton Cs School and Princeton High School in Princeton; Millstone River School, Village Elementary School, Community Middle School, Thomas R. Grover Middle School, West Windsor-Plainsboro North High School and West Windsor-Plainsboro South High School in West Windsor.

"We hope these schools will stand as role models for others around the state," said Business Coalition for Educational Excellence President Dana Egreczky in a press release.

The coalition is a nonprofit program of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and is "committed to ensuring that all students achieve at high levels, become productive citizens, and are well prepared to succeed in the workplace," according to a press release sent May 20.

A total of 73 schools throughout the state were honored.

