

## SOMERSET COUNTY Benchmark schools named

**FOUR SOMERSET COUNTY** schools recently were named 2007 Just for the Kids - New Jersey Benchmark Schools for attaining high rates of student achievement on state tests. Benchmark Schools are schools designated by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence (BCEE) at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce using data from the state's HSPA (High School Proficiency Assessment), GEPA (Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment) or NJ ASK (Assessment of Skills and Knowledge). A total of 73 schools throughout the state received this honor.

Assessment data are posted annually to the Just for the Kids - New Jersey Web site at [www.just4kids.org](http://www.just4kids.org).

The Just for the Kids Web site presents fair and relevant pictures of a school's performance by comparing them with schools with similar student populations. The Somerset County Benchmark Schools include Village Elementary School in Montgomery Township, William Annin Middle School in Bernards Township, Montgomery High School in Montgomery Township and Ridge High School in Bernards Township.

— *Staff report*

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