

County schools achievement recognized

Thirteen Bergen County schools, seven in the *Bergen News, Press Journal* readership area, were recently named 2007 Just for the Kids—New Jersey Benchmark Schools for attaining high rates of student achievement on state tests.

The Bergen County Benchmark Schools include:

Demarest: Demarest Middle School, Northern Valley Regional High School

Englewood Cliffs: Upper Elementary School

Fairview: Lincoln Elementary School

Ridgefield Park: Grant Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School

Tenafly: Tenafly High School

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 annually posted to the Just for the Kids—New Jersey Web site at www.just4kids.org.

Just for the Kids is a powerful tool that helps educators analyze data about their schools to use toward creating blueprints for improvement or continued success. 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.

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