

## Village schools recognized for student achievement

Several Bergen County schools were recently named 2007 Just for the Kids: New Jersey Benchmark Schools for attaining high rates of student achievement on state tests.

Bergen County's Benchmark Schools include the Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School in Wyckoff, George Washington Middle School and Ridgewood High School in Ridgewood, and Ramsey High School.

Benchmark Schools are schools designated by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce using data from the state's High School Proficiency Assessment, Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment, or NJ ASK (Assessment of Skills and Knowledge). A total of 73 schools throughout the state received this honor.

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

"The Just for the Kids: New Jersey Benchmark Schools should make everyone proud of what is possible in great educational environments," said Dana Egreczky, president, Business Coalition for Educational Excellence. "We hope these schools will stand as role models for others around the state. We owe our young people the best chance for a rewarding future."

The Business Coalition for Educational Excellence at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce is committed to ensuring that all students achieve at high levels, become productive citizens, and are well prepared to succeed in the workplace. The BCEE serves as the voice of business in the education policy debate, and supports programs that address the business agenda in education reform. The BCEE is guided by its accountability to the business community. BCEE programs are supported by tax-deductible contributions made to the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information please visit [www.bcee.org](http://www.bcee.org).

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