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District 148 collects multiple awards on Illinois Honor Roll

RIVERDALE - Dolton West Elementary District 148 is one of the Top Ten award-winning school districts in the state - and the only one in the south suburbs - to win recognition for its multiple awards on the 2008 Illinois Honor Roll.

Seven District 148 schools captured 11 Honor Roll awards.

Franklin, Harriet Tubman, Lincoln and Roosevelt elementary schools in Dolton, Lincoln and Roosevelt Junior High schools in Dolton, and Park Elementary School in Riverdale were recognized for their continued academic progress.

They are among nearly 1,000 Illinois schools to make the Honor Roll which is divided into three award categories: Spotlight Schools, Academic Improvement, and Academic Excellence.

Harriet Tubman, Lincoln Junior High, Park and Roosevelt Junior High are among 44 schools statewide to earn both Spotlight Schools and Academic Improvement awards.

The annual awards were announced in February by the Illinois State Board of Education and Northern Illinois University.

The Interactive Illinois Report Card at NIU worked with the ISBE to establish criteria, identify award winners, and administer the Honor Roll.

The Spotlight Schools Awards recognize high-poverty, high-performing schools which are beating the odds to overcome the achievement gap.

Academic Improvement Awards honor schools for showing substantial gains in performance over three years.

District 148 received a total of five Academic Improvement awards.

"I am proud of the achievements our schools have demonstrated. With a shared vision and a sense of community, the staff and leadership at these winning schools continue to follow well-developed plans which convey a strong 'Yes, we can' attitude and build opportunities for students to meet their optimal potential," Superintendent Jayne Purcell said.

Franklin Elementary School earned an Academic Improvement Award for having 60.2 percent of its students meeting or exceeding state standards in reading and math in 2006, 60.6 percent in 2007 and 69 percent in 2008.

Harriet Tubman Elementary School won Spotlight Schools and Academic Improvement awards with 55.6 percent of its students meeting or exceeding state standards in 2006, 59.3 percent in 2007 and 69 percent in 2008.

Lincoln Elementary School captured a Spotlight Schools Award for having 53.6 percent of its students meeting or exceeding standards in reading and math in 2006, 60.9 percent in 2007, and 66 percent in 2008.

Lincoln Junior High School received Spotlight Schools and Academic Improvement awards by having 55.2 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards in 2006, 59.9 percent in 2007, and 69 percent in 2008.

Park Elementary School garnered Spotlight Schools and Academic Improvement awards with 57.4 percent of its students meeting or exceeding standards in 2006, 58.8 percent in 2007, and 68 percent in 2008.

Roosevelt Elementary School earned a Spotlight Schools Award for having 73.7 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards in 2006, 80.2 percent in 2007, and 73 percent in 2008.

Roosevelt Junior High School won Spotlight Schools and Academic Improvement awards for having 64.5 percent of its students meeting or exceeding state standards in 2006, 70.9 percent in 2007, and 81 percent in 2008.