

## State Board of Education Honors 7 STEM Schools of Distinction

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - They're known as schools that prepare youngsters to compete in highly technical and innovative jobs, and now seven schools that specialize in

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics instruction have been honored by the state's oversight board.

The schools are commonly known as "STEM" schools.

"Focusing on STEM is how schools are preparing students for careers in the fields that help sustain today's economy," said State Superintendent June Atkinson in a news release. "I commend these schools for their commitment to ensuring that our graduates finish school with a solid foundation on which they can strengthen and expand the many unique skills demanded in STEM professions."

Three schools met the Prepared Level of Achievement:

- James Kenan Jr. Sr. High School, Duplin County Schools
- Riverside Middle School, Martin County Schools
- East Cary Middle School, Wake County Schools

Four schools met the Model Level of Achievement:

- Greene Central High School, Greene County Schools
- Wake STEM Early College High School, Wake County Schools
- Brentwood Magnet Elementary School of Engineering, Wake County Schools
- Atkins Academic and Technology High School, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

Schools that applied for the recognition were subjected to a rigorous assessment that included a site visit from reviewers.