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### 3 Westchester Blue Ribbon schools announced

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The federal Education Department has announced the 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools awards. Three area public elementary schools made the list: Eastchester's Greenvale School, Mount Vernon's Pennington School and Rye Neck's F.E. Bellows School. The three were among 314 schools to be awarded the designation. In all, there were 265 public and 50 private schools to be named Blue Ribbon schools because they were academically superior or have made dramatic gains in student achievement. To be named a Blue Ribbon school, the school must have students who achieve in the top 10 percent of the country on standardized tests and have at least 40 percent of students from a disadvantaged background. The Blue Ribbon schools will be featured at an awards ceremony on Nov. 3. For the complete list of schools nationwide, visit [www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html).