

Five Schools Achieve IHSAA "Schools of Excellence" Status

The Idaho High School Activities Association has announced the 2005-2006 winners of the "Schools of Excellence" initiative, a year-long, voluntary program in which schools earn points based on their varsity teams' performance in the classroom, at the athletic venue and in the area of citizenship and sportsmanship. The participating school in each classification with the best overall program will be recognized at the IHSAA Annual Meeting, August 2 and presented with a plaque, sponsored by the 4th District Coaches Association.

2005-2006 "Schools of Excellence"

5A	Eagle High School	Terry Beck, Principal; Terry Dean, AD
4A	Pocatello High School	Don Cotant, Principal ; Robert Parker, AD
3A	Shelley High School	Shon Hocker, Principal; Dwight Richins, AD
2A	Valley High School	Rod Malone, Principal; Brian Hardy, AD
1A	Garden Valley High School	Kim Harding, Principal; Paula Koshuta, AD

Exemplary Achievement Status is awarded to schools that finish second and third in the final point compilation. 2005-06 Exemplary Achievement schools are: Centennial, Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Post Falls, Middleton, Malad, Nezperce and Oakely

The three major areas of high school activities are weighted equally in determining recipients of the award.

The Academic Component is based on the varsity team's cumulative GPA as submitted on the State Academic Champions application for all IHSAA sponsored sports programs.

The Athletic Component is based on place of finish at all IHSAA-sponsored state championships.

The Citizenship Component is based on a school's self-evaluation of their citizenship/sportsmanship activities as submitted on an itemized form. Deductions are made by the IHSAA for player and/or coach unsportsmanlike ejections during the season and also for unsportsmanlike school behavior at state tournaments.

In addition to the primary awards, schools that score 90% on the Citizenship Component and have no player/coach ejections or incidents of unsportsmanlike school behavior at state tournaments will receive an "Award of Excellence" certificate. The 2005-2006 Award of Excellence schools are Camas County, Community School and Idaho City.