

**Reward Schools** are schools the **highest performing 15%** of Title 1 schools in the state. Reward Schools will be identified every year and will be asked by the state to share any best practices

**Focus Schools** are the **10%** of Title 1 schools making the biggest contribution to the state's achievement gap. Focus Schools will be identified once every three years and will develop a school improvement plan that directly addresses poor performance either within a subgroup, or in graduation rates.

**Priority Schools** are the **5% most persistently low performing** Title 1 schools. Priority schools will be identified once every three years will receive support from MDE and newly created Regional Centers of Excellence to develop a school turnaround plan based on the federal turnaround principles.

19 of the initial Priority Schools are currently operating under the School Improvement Grant program. These schools will have the opportunity exit the list in 2013 if they are no longer in the bottom 25% of Title I schools.

### **Reward Schools – Initial MMR Rating for 2011**

*[17 Charter Schools out of 128 total Reward Schools]*

Cyber Village Academy – St. Paul  
Harvest Prep-Seed Academy - Minneapolis  
Twin Cities Academy – St. Paul  
Schoolcraft Learning Community – Bemidji  
Twin Cities International Elementary School - Minneapolis  
Ridgeway Community School - Ridgeway  
Treknorth High School - Bemidji  
Main Street School for Performing Arts - Hopkins  
St. Croix Preparatory Academy – Lower and Middle - Stillwater  
Ubah Medical Academy - Hopkins  
TEAM Academy - Waseca  
Twin Cities Academy High School – St. Paul  
Hiawatha Leadership Academy - Minneapolis  
Clarkfield Charter School - Clarkfield  
DaVinci Academy - Blaine  
Global Academy – Columbia Heights  
Best Academy - Minneapolis

### **Focus Schools – Initial MMR Rating for 2011**

*[17 Charter Schools of the 85 total Focus Schools]*

New Heights School - Stillwater  
MN Transitions - MTS High School -Minneapolis  
Sojourner Truth - Minneapolis  
Excell Academy - Brooklyn Park

Hope Community Academy – St. Paul  
Academia Cesar Chavez – St. Paul  
Urban Academy – St. Paul  
Partnership Academy - Richfield  
Hmong College Prep Academy – Middle Academy – St. Paul  
Prairie Seeds Academy – Brooklyn Park  
Loveworks Academy for the Arts – Golden Valley  
New Millenium Academy - Minneapolis  
Dugsi Academy – St. Paul  
Learning for Leadership Academy - Minneapolis  
Emily O. Goodridge-Grey Accelerated - Minneapolis  
Community School of Excellence – St. Paul  
College Prep Elementary- St. Paul

**Priority Schools – Initial MMR Rating for 2011**

*[4 Charter Schools of the 42 total Priority Schools]*

New Visions - Minneapolis  
Woodson Institute of Excellence (WISE) - Minneapolis  
Naytahwaush Community School - Naytahwaush  
New Discoveries Montessori Academy - Hutchinson

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