



State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond today announced that 293 middle schools and high schools have been selected for the prestigious 2024 California Distinguished Schools Program, California’s school recognition program that recognizes two categories of exceptional schools: those closing the achievement gap and those demonstrating exceptional student performance.

Since its inception in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Award remains one of the state’s most important ways to celebrate exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

The exceptional middle and high schools recognized this year are illustrative of the persistence and promise of California’s students, educators, and schools. To select California Distinguished Schools, the California Department of Education (CDE) uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard (Dashboard).

SYLMAR BIOTECH HEALTH AND ENGINEERING MAGNET HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A 2024 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL (ESCUELA DISTINGUIDA DE CALIFORNIA 2024)!!!



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Dear Principal Maria Herrera:

Congratulations! Sylmar Biotech Health and Engineering Magnet is being recognized as a 2024 California Distinguished School!