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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

Kaleidoscope School of Arts & Science achieves national blue ribbon recognition

Soldotna, September 30, 2015—U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognizes Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Sciences as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School. Based on overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups for making progress, 335 schools are honored as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School.

One of the 15 charter schools recognized nationally, and one of three schools in Alaska to receive this distinguished honor in 2015, Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science in Kenai, Alaska, joins nine other schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) to achieve the National Blue Ribbon excellence designation.

"This honor recognizes your students' accomplishments and the hard work and dedication that went into their success," [Duncan said in a video message to the awardees](#). "Your journey has taught you collaboration, intentional instruction, and strong relationships in school and with your community. You represent excellence—in vision, in implementation, and in results—and we want to learn as much as we can from you."



"I'm honored our school has been recognized," said Robin Dahlman, principal. "This is a reflection of a vision shared by dedicated teachers, staff, students, families and community members to personalize integrated learning for all students. We look forward to continuing to provide excellence in all we pursue with children's learning and development."

"We are very proud of Kaleidoscope and what they are doing for students in our district," said Sean Dusek, superintendent. "The staff, students and parents should be commended for all of their hard work to make this school such a wonderful place for kids. Congratulations and keep up the great effort!"

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The U.S. Department of Education will honor all 285 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony on November 9-10, 2015, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. Each school will receive an award plaque and a flag as symbols of their accomplishments. In its 33-year history, more than 8,000 of America's schools have received the coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award.

Links:

- [2015 National Blue Ribbon School Announcement from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan](#)
- [2015 Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science – National Blue Ribbon School](#)
- Facebook: [Kaleidoscope School of Arts & Science](#)
- [National Blue Ribbon School Program](#)



Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science is one of four charter schools in the KPBSD. With forty-three diverse public schools spanning 25,600 square miles on the Kenai Peninsula, Sean Dusek, superintendent, explains, “In my opinion our diversity is an asset that all of us should embrace. While this diversity makes the management of our district challenging, it is the best thing to offer for our nearly 9,000 students.” Alaskan families can choose to send their students to these KPBSD public schools:

- Free [neighborhood schools](#) that offer the KPBSD adopted curriculum choices
- Free [school district optional and alternative](#) high school programs
- Free local [charter schools](#) that offer an alternative curriculum choice
- Free [performance-based](#) school
- Free [school district homeschool](#) program

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