

Baldwin Community Schools named Academic State Champion

Baldwin – Baldwin Community Schools on February 3 was announced as an Academic State Champion by Bridge Magazine.

Only 69 school districts in the state received this recognition.

To determine the winners, Bridge partnered with Public Sector Consultants, Inc. (the state's leading public policy research firm) to develop a value-added ranking system which measures a school's test scores adjusted for student family income, which is often a predictor of academic achievement. Essentially, Bridge's Academic State Champions are being recognized for over-achievement, rather than achievement.

"We are extremely proud to have received this recognition for a third consecutive year. It validates the hard work performed by staff, students, and parents," said Superintendent Stiles Simmons.

Bridge Magazine is Michigan's leading nonpartisan, nonprofit, in-depth news service. It is published three times each week by The Center for Michigan. In-depth education issues analysis is one of Bridge's specialties. Read more about Academic State Champs at www.bridgemi.com.

"Bridge is pleased once again to honor over-achieving school districts with the Academic State Champs award," said John Bebow, president and CEO of The Center for Michigan, which publishes Bridge. "This year's list of winners demonstrates that educators and students alike can overcome hurdles and prepare the future generation of Michigan workers for success. Congratulations to all of this year's winners!"

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