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CVSD schools ranked by State Board of Education

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Washington Policy Center recently released information collected to grade more than 2,000 public schools across the state, and the findings rank schools servicing Liberty Lake families as "good."

The State Board of Education used five rankings to rate each school's performance: exemplary, very good, good, fair and struggling. Of Central Valley School District's 22 schools, 16 were ranked "good" and six were ranked "fair."

The rankings were determined by graduation rates and test scores in reading, writing, math and science. Researchers also compared achievement to other schools with similar demographics and improvements in student achievement.

Each school was also given a grade from 1-7, with 7 being the best. Greena-

cres and Liberty Lake Elementary Schools both received a "good" rating and came in middle-of-the-road in rankings of CVSD's elementary schools. GES received a score of 4.44 and LLES received a grade of 4.31, while other CVSD elementary grades came in between 3.5 and 4.75. The Central Valley Kindergarten Center was not rated.

In CVSD middle school rankings, Greenacres came in as a close second behind Evergreen with a score of 4.44 out of 7. CVSD middle school grades came in between 3.19 and 4.5.

Central Valley High School placed just a tenth of a point behind University with a score of 4.2.

The rankings, determined last year by the State Board of Education, show less than 10 percent of Washington students attend a "very good" or "exemplary" school. Information on individual schools was not made public until last week.