

Does **Your School**  
Receive the Recognition It Deserves?  
Do These Statements Describe **Your School**  
and Its Reading/Language Arts Program?

---

1. The reading program is consistent with sound theory, research, and practice.
2. The reading program facilitates student learning.
3. Students have access to a wide variety of reading materials.
4. Students demonstrate success in reading.
5. Comprehension strategies are taught and applied across the curriculum.
6. Listening, speaking, viewing, and writing are being integrated into the reading program.
7. Administrators provide leadership and vision for the building and/or district reading program.
8. The school and/or district offers support services to the program.
9. Literacy activities occur outside of school.
10. The community is involved in the reading program.

Through its *Exemplary Reading Program Award*,  
in cooperation with state/provincial councils, the  
INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION honors schools for  
outstanding service to reading and literacy education.

**Call 302-731-1600, extension 236, for more information.**

@[http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/professional\\_exemplary.aspx](http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/professional_exemplary.aspx)

I invite you and your school to take advantage of the unique opportunity *The Exemplary Reading Program Award* provides. This program award recognizes outstanding reading and language arts programs at all grade levels (elementary, middle, and high school). Its purpose is to call the public's attention to outstanding programs in schools. Each participating state can choose one winning school a year.

All public, private, and parochial schools in the United States and Canada are eligible for the award, provided at least one faculty or staff member of that school is a current IRA member.

Applications must be postmarked no later than November 15 and received at IRA Headquarters no later than November 22. Headquarters will then forward applications to the state Exemplary Reading Program Award Committees for review.

*Sue Ann Sharma, Ph.D.*

MRA Vice President & Exemplary Reading Program Award Chair