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## NEWMARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SAN BERNARDINO EARNS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

San Bernardino City Unified School District's **Newmark Elementary School** earned a prestigious 2011-12 Title I Academic Achievement Award.

The Title I Academic Achievement Award honors schools that receive federal Title I funds and provide all students, regardless of economic background, with a quality education. To earn the award, a school must have met the following criteria for the past two years: at least 40 percent of students must be classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged, received Title I funding, met all schoolwide and numerically significant subgroup targets on the Academic Performance Index (API), socioeconomically disadvantaged students must have scored double their API targets, and elementary schools must have a 2011 schoolwide API score of 810 or above.

"Earning the Title I Award is all thanks to the hard work of our staff and students," Newmark Principal **Santosh Trikha** said. "And, I also want to recognize our wonderful parents. Their support is an important part of Newmark's success."

Like many San Bernardino City Unified schools, Newmark serves socioeconomically and ethnically diverse students. Based on 2010-2011 data, more than 84 percent of Newmark students qualified for free or reduced-price lunch. Hispanic/Latino students made up 65 percent of the student body, and African Americans made up 16 percent of the student body.

State and national data show that low-income and minority students do not traditionally score as well on standardized tests as their more affluent peers. However, at Newmark, all statistically significant student groups are scoring at or above the state and federal academic achievement targets.

Newmark scored 815 on the 2011 API. Newmark's Hispanic/Latino student subgroup scored 824 and its socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup scored 810, both above the state target score of 800.

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