

Recognizing Excellence

NIET Founder's Award

Five schools were recognized as finalists for the 2023 NIET Founder's Award for excellence in educator effectiveness and student success. The 2023 Founder's Award winner was Desert Thunder School.

★ Desert Thunder School

Avondale Elementary School
District, Arizona
Founder's Award Winner

• Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary
San Felipe Del Rio CISD, Texas
Founder's Award Finalist

• Forest Acres Elementary School
School District of Pickens County,
South Carolina
Founder's Award Finalist

• Slaughter Elementary School
East Feliciana Public Schools,
Louisiana
Founder's Award Finalist

• William Henry Burkhart Elementary
Perry Township Schools, Indiana
Founder's Award Finalist



District Award of Excellence for Educator Effectiveness

NIET's district recognition award recognizes excellence in building systems for educator effectiveness at the district level.

★ Goshen Community Schools
Goshen, Indiana

School of Promise Award

NIET recognizes schools making a strong start on their path to increasing educator effectiveness.

★ Irene Lopez Elementary
Roosevelt School District, Arizona

★ Woodmere Elementary
Jefferson Parish Schools, Louisiana

Recognition Through the World's Best School Prize

Burkhart Elementary School, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, in Perry Township Schools, was recognized this year as one of three finalists for T4 Education's prestigious World's Best School Prize in the Community Collaboration category.

Burkhart Elementary is honored for its dedication to excellence in teaching

and equity for all students, many of whom are Burmese refugees who have joined the community over the past decade. With its focus on supporting great classroom teaching and learning, Burkhart Elementary has seen substantially improved student performance on state assessments and has previously earned the Title I Distinguished School Award for

Exceptional Student Performance from the Indiana Department of Education. NIET has worked with Perry Township Schools for more than 10 years to help build the capacity of educators to provide each student with strong instruction, and Burkhart Elementary was a 2023 NIET Founder's Award finalist.