

14 Valley schools named state Distinguished Schools

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Elijah Ortiz (front), a sixth-grader at Pinedale Elementary, works on a reading comprehension assignment during class on Thursday, April 24, 2014.

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Fourteen Valley schools were named California Distinguished Schools Wednesday by Tom Torlakson, California state superintendent of public instruction.

Of those schools, nine were from Fresno County: Clay Elementary, a single-school elementary campus near Kingsburg; Cedarwood, Dry Creek, Pinedale and Riverview elementary schools in Clovis Unified; Manchester Gate and Morris E. Dailey Charter Elementary in Fresno Unified; and Jefferson and Sequoia elementary schools in Sanger Unified.

Three schools in Kings County also were awarded: Akers Elementary in Central Union Elementary near Lemoore; Island Union Elementary in the Island Union Elementary School District near Lemoore; and Pioneer Elementary in the Pioneer Union Elementary School District near Hanford.

The one school honored in Tulare County was Hurley Elementary in Visalia Unified.

Sherman Thomas Charter School in Madera Unified was also recognized.