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## **E.L. Haynes Public Charter School Named Silver Award Winner for Second Year in Effective Practice Incentive Community Grant**

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E.L. Haynes Public Charter School has been recognized and honored by New Leaders for New Schools' Effective Practice Incentive Community (EPIC) program for its significant student achievement gain on the DC-CAS achievement tests in the 2007-2008 school year. Haynes was the only DC charter school selected for an award. E.L. Haynes Public Charter School was among the 21 highest-ranked charter schools of the 144 schools in the EPIC National Charter School Consortium. Haynes was also a Silver Award winner in 2008, in recognition for the student achievement gains the school made on the 2006-2007 DC-CAS.

### **E.L. Haynes Public Charter School's Student Achievement Gains**

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School made dramatic 19- and 18- percentage point gains in Math and Reading, respectively, on the 2008 DC-CAS, reaching Adequate Yearly Progress and demonstrating the strength of its academic model. These gains outperformed the District's already-impressive statewide gains by nearly 3-to-1 in Reading and nearly 2-to-1 in Math. E.L. Haynes also more than doubled the percentage of students scoring at Advanced levels in both categories; 25% of Haynes students scored Advanced in Math. EPIC awards are based on the progress a school's students make over time, rather than overall proficiency rates. In this way, EPIC identifies and rewards schools that have had a clear impact on their students' learning.

### **EPIC**

EPIC is unique in that the program compares charter school achievement gain across states and financially rewards educators for sharing their effective practices. EPIC is in its second year of a five-year grant funded primarily by the federal government. Schools have the opportunity to win in multiple years. Effective practices will be documented and shared with all EPIC schools. Case studies and profiles from all 21 award-winning charter schools will be posted on the EPIC Knowledge System, which is a comprehensive professional development site available to staff at all EPIC schools. The EPIC National Charter School Consortium includes 144 schools in 17 states and the District of Columbia. To qualify for consideration of an EPIC award, charter schools must have at least 30% of their students qualify for free and reduced price meals and must be willing share what they are doing with other schools. Additional information on the EPIC program can be found at [www.nlms.org/epic.jsp](http://www.nlms.org/epic.jsp).

### **About E.L. Haynes**

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School was founded in 2004 and has a program based on nationally-recognized best practices for advancing student achievement. At the core of the school's program is the unwavering belief that every student, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or home language, is capable of reaching high levels of academic performance. In 2008-2009, E.L. Haynes will serve 376 students in grades Pre-K through 6 and will grow, adding a grade each year, until it serves 650 students in grades Pre-K through 12. The school is the first year-round public school in Washington, DC and is named for Dr. Euphemia Lofton Haynes, the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate in mathematics, a teacher in the District of Columbia's school system for 47 years, and the first woman to serve as President of the District of Columbia Board of Education. In April 2008, E.L. Haynes was chosen from DC's 56 charter schools as the winner of Fight for Children's first-ever Quality Schools Initiative Award. For more information, please visit [www.elhaynes.org](http://www.elhaynes.org).