



## Mason Middle School's Accelerated Reading Lab Named 2005 Education Excellence Award Winner

**April 18, 2005, Waterford, Mich.** - The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) has awarded Mason Middle School's Accelerated Reading Program the 2005 Education Excellence Award. The MASB's Education Excellence Awards program is a statewide competition to identify and recognize outstanding education programs in Michigan public schools.

The Mason Middle School's Accelerated Reading Lab program helps students who struggle in decoding, fluency, and comprehensive reading skills. Students who enter this program have individualized strategies established to address the specific areas in which deficiencies exist. Students work in small groups and receive individual attention as well. The program is now in its third year.

About 200 entries were received and reviewed by an independent panel of judges. In total, 28 Education Excellence Award will be presented. Mason Middle School's program is one of three in Oakland County being recognized. All programs advance to a second round of judging for a chance to win one of 10 Michigan's Best cash awards, generously donated by SET SEG. These winners will be honored at MASB's Fall Conference, Oct. 27-30 in Lansing.

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