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LITTLE ROCK: The Arkansas Coordinated School Health Initiative selected six school districts across the state to receive the 2010 Arkansas Healthy School Board Award this year.

School boards across the state were given the opportunity to apply for the Healthy School Board Award in November. The school boards had to answer questions about their districts' health programs, projects, and policies. With rising obesity rates among children in our state and the subsequent diseases caused by obesity, Coordinated School Health believes it is important for school boards to be involved in helping fight the battle.

Awards were given to the district with the highest score in their classification 1A-7A.

The winners were:

- Class 7A Springdale School District
- Class 6A El Dorado School District
- Class 5A Harrison School District
- Class 3A Lavaca School District
- Class 2A Cedar Ridge School District
- Class 1A Arkansas School for the Deaf.

The awards, along with banners for the districts, will be presented at the 2010 Arkansas School Board Association Conference on December 10 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. For more information about the event or the awards, please contact Debby Woods with the Arkansas Department of Education Office of Coordinated School Health at (501) 683-3600.

The Arkansas Department of Education strives to ensure that all children in the state have access to a quality education by providing educators, administrators and staff with leadership, resources and training.