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*New England League of Middle Schools*

*Fairfield Woods Middle School*  
*is a*  
***2014 NELMS Spotlight School***

The New England League of Middle Schools announced today that **Fairfield Woods Middle School, Fairfield, Connecticut** was selected as a NELMS Spotlight School. Fairfield Woods Middle School was one of a few select schools recognized by the regional organization to receive this prestigious award. Mary Jean Fawcett, Acting Executive Director of NELMS, stated that “The school was selected because of its record of creating an excellent learning environment for young adolescents and its consistent observance of middle school best practices.”

Criteria for the award included a review of curriculum, instruction, qualified middle level teachers, teaming practices, democratic governance, appropriate school environment and the level of involvement of parents and community. It is obvious that permeating the culture and the environment of the school is the deep concern for and understanding for the young adolescents they serve.

NELMS was very impressed with the excellence that was evident throughout the school. The award and designation will be in place for three years, assuming that the excellent practices continue. The school will be presented with a banner at a school wide celebration as a partial acknowledgement of this worthy achievement.

Fairfield Woods Middle School is one of only 12 Spotlight Schools in Connecticut to be so designated by NELMS.