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Principal, Supervisor of the Year awarded for 2011-2012

NASHVILLE – Rita White, currently the principal of Riverwood Elementary in Memphis City Schools, has been named Tennessee’s 2011-12 Principal of the Year. B.J. Worthington, chief academic officer for Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools, was awarded the honor of 2011-12 Tennessee Supervisor of the Year. Both administrators were recognized at an award ceremony earlier this week, during which the grand division winners were also announced.

“These administrators have risen to the top of their field, and we commend them for setting an example of strong leadership every day,” Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman said. “Congratulations to Ms. White and Mr. Worthington for your dedication, achievement and commitment to our students.”

	Principal of the Year Grand Division Winners	Supervisor of the Year- Grand Division Winners
East Tennessee	David Watts, Sweetwater High School, Monroe County Schools	Carol Whaley, assistant director for special education, Carter County Schools
Middle Tennessee	Larry Brown, J.E. Woody Elementary, Maury County Schools	B.J. Worthington, chief academic officer, Clarksville - Montgomery County Schools
West Tennessee	Rita White, Riverwood Elementary, Memphis City Schools	Tim Rogers, director of personnel, Henderson County Schools

The Niswonger Foundation provided cash prizes to all winners, which were given out at an awards banquet during the 2011 Tennessee Educational LEADership conference.

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