

# 2016 Schools of Excellence

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## CALIFORNIA

### **Bel Aire Park Magnet School**

Napa Valley Unified School District, CA  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program*  
Principal: Janine Burt  
URL: <http://bape-nvUSD-ca.schoolloop.com>

### **Benjamin Franklin High School Franklin STEM Magnet**

Los Angeles Unified School District, CA  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)*  
Principal: Regina Marquez-Martinez  
URL: <http://franklinhs-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/>

### **Downtown Magnets High School**

Los Angeles Unified School District, CA  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Business & Finance; Fashion Design & Merchandising; Computer Science; Digital and Multi-Media (Film-making); Engineering; International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP)*  
Principal: Jared DuPree  
URL: <http://www.downtownmagnets.org>

### **Salvador Magnet School**

Napa Valley Unified School District, CA  
Grade(s): TK-5  
Theme(s): *Arts Integration*  
Principal: Pam Perkins  
URL: <http://www.salvadorschool.com>

## CONNECTICUT

### **CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School**

Capitol Region Education Council, CT  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Pre-Collegiate Arts Training: Academic Arts Infusion*  
Principal: Jeff Ostroff  
URL: <http://www.crec.org>

### **Environmental Sciences Magnet School**

Hartford Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): PreK-8  
Theme(s): *(e- STEAM) Environmental Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics*  
Principal: Desmond Caldwell  
URL: <http://www.environmentalsciencesmagnet.org>

### **Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts**

Hartford Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): PreK-12  
Theme(s): *Performing Arts Magnet School.*  
Principal: Ken O'Brien  
URL: <http://www.kinsellamagnet.org>

### **L.W. Beecher Magnet School of Arts and Sciences**

New Haven Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): PreK-8  
Theme(s): *Museum Studies*  
Principal: Kathy Beck  
URL:  
<http://www.newhavenmagnetschools.com/index.php/beecher>

### **Moriarty Environmental Sciences Magnet School**

Norwich Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *STEM; Environmental Science*  
Principal: Rebecca Pellerin  
URL:  
<http://www.norwichpublicschools.org/page.cfm?p=3010>

### **Sport and Medical Sciences Academy**

Hartford Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Sport Science; Medical Science*  
Principal: John Laverty  
URL: <http://www.sportandmedicalsciences.org>

### **Two Rivers Magnet High School**

Capitol Region Education Council, CT  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Environmental Science*  
Principal: Robert McCain  
URL: <http://www.crecschools.org/our-schools/two-rivers-magnet-high-school/>

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## **CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering**

Capitol Region Education Council, CT  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Aerospace; Engineering; Bio Medical Sciences; Higher Mathematics; STEM*  
Principal: Paul Brenton  
URL: <http://crecschools.org/our-schools/academy-of-aerospace-engineering/>

## **Discovery Academy**

Capitol Region Education Council, CT  
Grade(s): PreK-4  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Dr. Lynn C. Toper  
URL: <http://www.crecschools.org/our-schools/discovery-academy/>

## **Engineering & Science University Magnet School**

New Haven Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Engineering; Science; STEM*  
Principal: Medria Blue-Ellis  
URL: <http://esumsnh.net/>

## **John C. Daniels School of International Communication**

New Haven Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): PreK-8  
Theme(s): *International Communication*  
Principal: Marlene Baldizon  
URL: <http://www.johncdaniels.org>

## **King/Robinson Inter-District Magnet School**

New Haven Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): PreK-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate: Primary Years Programme (PYP) & Middle Years Programme (MYP)*  
Principal: Nadine Gannon  
URL: <http://www.kingrobinsonibmagnetschool.com>

## **Pathways Academy of Technology and Design**

Hartford Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Technology Integration; Project Based Learning; Work-Based Learning*  
Principal: David Goldblum  
URL: <http://www.pathwaystotechnology.com>

## **Science & Technology Magnet High School**

New London Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Laurelle Texidor  
URL: <http://www.nlstmhs.org>

## **Waterbury Arts Magnet School**

Waterbury Public Schools, CT  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Arts*  
Principal: Lauren F. Elias  
URL: <http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/wam>

## **FLORIDA**

### **Allamanda Elementary**

School District of Palm Beach County, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Health and Wellness*  
Principal: Marilu Garcia  
URL:  
[https://www.edline.net/pages/Allamanda\\_Elementary\\_School](https://www.edline.net/pages/Allamanda_Elementary_School)

### **Ben Sheppard Elementary**

**STEM Magnet School**  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): PreK-5  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)*  
Principal: Dr. Eduardo Tagle  
URL: <http://bensheppard.dadeschools.net>

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## **BioTECH @ Richmond Heights 9-12**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-10  
Theme(s): *Conservation Biology*  
Principal: Jose Sirven  
URL: <http://biotech.dadeschools.net>

## **Cahoon Elementary Magnet**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Animal Science*  
Principal: Joanne Griffiths  
URL: <http://cahoon.mysdhc.org/>

## **Coconut Palm K-8 Academy**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *Agriscience Engineering & Medical Biotechnology*  
Principal: Carmen Jones-Carey  
URL: <http://coconutpalmk8academy.org>

## **Douglas L. Jamerson, Jr. Elementary**

Pinellas County Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Center for Mathematics & Engineering*  
Principal: Kristy Moody  
URL: <http://www.pcsb.org/jamerson-es>

## **Dr. Henry E. Perrine Elementary School Academy of the Arts**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Visual and Performing Arts*  
Principal: Carla D. Rivas  
URL: <http://perrineelementary.dadeschools.net>

## **Dunbar Elementary Magnet School**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Medical and Science Exploration*  
Principal: Sarah JacobsenCapps  
URL: <http://dunbar.mysdhc.org>

## **Frank C. Martin International K-8 Center**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 1-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate: Primary Years Programme (PYP) & Middle Years Programme (MYP)*  
Principal: Felicia K. Joseph  
URL: <http://fcmartin.dadeschools.net>

## **George W. Carver Middle School**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *International Education*  
Principal: Shelly Stronely  
URL: <http://gwcm.dadeschools.net/>

## **Girls Preparatory Academy at Ferrell Middle Magnet School**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *College Preparatory*  
Principal: Karen French  
URL: <http://ferrell.mysdhc.org>

## **Liberty Elementary STEM Museum Magnet**

Broward County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Sprouting S.T.E.M. Museum Magnet*  
Principal: David Levine  
URL: <http://liberty.browardschools.com/>

## **Medical Academy for Science and Technology**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Biomedical, Pharmaceutical, iMed, Physical Therapy*  
Principal: Lisa S. Noffo  
URL: <http://mastmedical.org>

## **Middleton High School**

**Pre-Collegiate STEM Academy**  
Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Biomedical-Biotechnology; Computer Game Design; Computer Systems Engineering; Engineering*  
Principal: Kim Moore  
URL: <http://middleton.mysdhc.org/>

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## **Midway Elementary School of the Arts**

Seminole County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Arts*  
Principal: Ron Nathan  
URL:  
<http://www.scps.us/Schools/SchoolInfo.aspx?sid=0301>

## **Milwee Middle School Pre-Engineering Magnet**

Seminole County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Pre-Engineering Magnet*  
Principal: James Kubis  
URL: <http://www.milwee.scps.k12.fl.us>

## **Muller Elementary Magnet School**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *The Arts and Environmental Sciences*  
Principal: Mary Booth  
URL: <http://muller.mysdhc.org>

## **New River Middle School - Marine Science Magnet Program**

Broward County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Marine Science*  
Principal: Melinda Wessinger  
URL: <http://newriver.browardschools.com/>

## **Riverhills Elementary Magnet School**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Studies*  
Principal: Todd Connolly  
URL: <http://riverhills.mysdhc.org/>

## **Roland Park K-8**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*  
Principal: April Gillyard  
URL: <http://rolandpark.mysdhc.org/>

## **Ronald McNair Magnet Middle School**

Brevard Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 7-8  
Theme(s): *STEAM*  
Principal: Rosette Brown  
URL: <http://www.mcnairmagnetschool.com>

## **Sunrise Middle School**

### **Montessori Magnet Program**

Broward County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Montessori*  
Principal: Michael W. Walker  
URL: <http://Sunrise.Browardschools.com>

## **Tampa Bay Technical High School**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Academy of Health Professions; Academy of Architecture; Academy of Veterinary Science; Commercial Art Academy; Business Health Administration; Computer Systems Technology; Journalism; Culinary Arts; Early Childhood Education; Welding; Collision Repair; Transportation Services; and Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps*  
Principal: Michael Ippolito  
URL: <http://tbt.mysdhc.org>

## **William Dandy Middle School**

### **Pre-Medical Program**

Broward County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Pre-Medical Magnet Theme*  
Principal: Shernette Grant  
URL: <http://www.williamdandy.browardschools.com>

## **Williams Middle Magnet School**

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*  
Principal: Arlene Castelli  
URL: <http://williams.mysdhc.org/>

## **Hammocks Middle School**

### **Hammocks Pre-Law**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-12  
Theme(s): *Legal Studies*  
Principal: Deborah Leal  
URL: <http://hammocksmiddleschool.org>

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## GEORGIA

### **C.T. Walker Traditional Magnet School**

Richmond County School System, GA  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *Communication; Leadership*  
Principal: Aletha Snowberger  
URL: <http://walker.rcboe.org>

## INDIANA

### **Center for Inquiry School 84**

Indianapolis Public Schools, IN  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP)*  
Principal: Christine M. Foxen Collier  
URL: <http://www.myips.org/cfi84>

### **Dickinson Fine Arts Academy**

South Bend Community School Corporation, IN  
Grade(s): 5-8  
Theme(s): *Fine Arts; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM)*  
Principal: Thomas Sims  
URL: <http://www.dickinsonacademy.com>

## MASSACHUSETTS

### **Springfield Central High**

Springfield Public Schools, MA  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) and Advanced Studies*  
Principal: Thaddeus Tokarz  
URL: <http://www.springfieldcentral.com>

## MINNESOTA

### **Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts**

Osseo Area Schools, MN  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Performing Arts*  
Principal: Jeff Zastrow  
URL: <http://www.district279.org/elembg/>

### **Cedar Park Elementary STEM School**

Independent School District 196, MN  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)*  
Principal: John Garcia  
URL: <http://www.district196.org/cp/>

### **Diamond Path Elementary School of International Studies**

Independent School District 196, MN  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Studies*  
Principal: Lynn Hernandez  
URL: <http://www.district196.org/dp/>

### **Edgewood Middle School**

Mounds View 621, MN  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics (STEAM)*  
Principal: Penny Howard  
URL:  
<http://edgewood.moundsviewschools.net/pages/EdgewoodMS>

### **Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School**

ISD #197 - West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Eagan Area Schools, MN  
Grade(s): K-4  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)*  
Principal: Tom Benson  
URL: <http://www.pilotknob.isd197.org>

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## **Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math, and Technology School**

Osseo Area Schools, MN

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)*

Principal: Dennis Palm

URL: <http://schools.district279.org/wvr/>

## **NEVADA**

### **Advanced Technologies Academy**

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Architectural Design; Business Management; Computer Science; Engineering; Graphic Design; IT Networking; Legal Studies; Web Design & Development*

Principal: Jonathan Synold

URL: <http://www.atech.org>

### **Canyon Springs High School**

#### ***The Leadership and Law Preparatory Academy***

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Leadership and Law*

Principal: Ron Guerzon

URL: <http://www.canyonspringshighschool.org/>

### **Cashman Middle School**

#### ***Academy of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering***

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Mathematics, Science, and Engineering*

Principal: Misti Taton

URL: <http://cashmanms.com>

### **Desert Pines High School**

#### ***Academy of Communications (AOC)***

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Academy of Communications*

Principal: Mr. Isaac Stein

URL: <http://desertpineshs.org>

### **Ed W. Clark High School**

#### ***Academy of Finance***

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Academy of Finance*

Principal: Jill Pendleton

URL: <http://www.clarkchargers.org>

### **Ed W. Clark High School**

#### ***Academy for Math, Science, Arts and Technology***

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Mathematics, Science, Arts and Technology (STEAM)*

Principal: Jill Pendleton

URL: <http://www.clarkchargers.org>

### **Ed W. Clark High School**

#### ***Teacher Education Academy***

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Teacher Education*

Principal: Jill Pendleton

URL: <http://www.clarkchargers.org>

### **Mabel Hoggard Magnet Elementary School**

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Mathematics, Science and Technology*

Principal: Stacey Scott-Cherry

URL: <http://www.mabelhoggard.net/>

### **Rancho High School**

#### ***Academy of Pre-Medine & Biotechnology***

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Medical Science & Biotechnology*

Principal: Dr. James Kuzma

URL: <http://www.ranchorams.org>

### **Roy Martin Middle School**

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programe (MYP)*

Principal: Mary Hafner

URL: <http://schools.ccsd.net/roymartin>

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## **Sandy Searles Miller Academy For international Studies**

Clark County School District, NV  
Grade(s): 1-5  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP)*  
Principal: Anne Grisham  
URL: <http://schools.ccsd.net/sandymiller>

## **Walter Bracken STEAM Academy**

Clark County School District, NV  
Grade(s): 1-5  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)*  
Principal: Kathleen Decker  
URL: <http://schools.ccsd.net/bracken/>

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Leadership*  
Principal: Muriel Summers  
URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/combses>

### **Barringer Academic Center Learning Immersion/Talent Development**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Learning Immersion/Talent Development*  
Principal: Stephanie Range  
URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/barringerES/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Museums*  
Principal: Felecia Locklear  
URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/brooksdes>

### **Collinswood Language Academy**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *Spanish Immersion*  
Principal: Jennifer Pearsall  
URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/collinswoodMS/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Conn Active Learning and Technology Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Active Learning; Technology*  
Principal: Gary Duvall  
URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/connes>

### **Cotswold Elementary**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP)*  
Principal: Alicia Hash  
URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/cotswoldES/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Douglas Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Creative Arts and Science Magnet*  
Principal: Derek Burns  
URL: <http://www.douglaselementary.net/>

### **Elizabeth Traditional Elementary School**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Stephen Covey's Leader in Me/Traditional*  
Principal: Susan Spencer-Smith  
URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/elizabethES/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Farmington Woods IB PYP Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP)*  
Principal: Anne Winston Pierce  
URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/farmingtonwoodsdes>

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## **George Watts Montessori Magnet**

Durham Public Schools, NC  
Grade(s): PreK-5  
Theme(s): *Montessori*  
Principal: Patti Crum  
URL: <http://watts.dpsnc.net>

## **Hunter Gifted and Talented/AIG Basics Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented/Academically Intellectually Gifted*  
Principal: Briana Pelton  
URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/hunteres>

## **Idlewild Elementary School**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Learning Immersion and Talent Development Magnet*  
Principal: Larenda Denien  
URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/idlewildES/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Oaklawn Language Academy**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *Spanish Immersion*  
Principal: Carmen Concepcion  
URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/oaklawnMS/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Palisades Park Elementary Science, Technology, Engineering & Math**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Gina O'Hare  
URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/palisadesparkES/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **RJ Reynolds Arts Magnet High School**

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, NC  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Visual and Performing Arts; Arts for Academics*  
Principal: Leslie Alexander  
URL: <http://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/reynolds>

## **Underwood Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented*  
Principal: Travis Shillings  
URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/underwoodes>

## **Wendell Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Creative Arts and Science*  
Principal: Shane Barham  
URL: <http://wendelles.wcpss.net>

## **Wiley International Studies Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Studies Magnet*  
Principal: Leslie Taylor  
URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/wileyes>

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **North Springs Elementary**

#### ***STEMS: the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math School***

Richland School District Two, SC  
Grade(s): PreK-5  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Dr. David Holzendorf  
URL: <http://www.richland2.org/nse/Pages/STEMS.aspx>

## **TEXAS**

### **E. O. Lovett Elementary School**

Houston Independent School District, TX  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *A Fine Arts Magnet School*  
Principal: Dawn Thompson  
URL: <http://www.houstonisd.org/domain/28>

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## **The Energy Institute High School**

Houston Independent School District, TX

Grade(s): 9-11

Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) with an energy focus*

Principal: Lori Lambropoulos

URL: <http://www.energyhigh.org>

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Summit View Elementary INC Magnet School**

The School District of Waukesha, WI

Grade(s): 4K-5

Theme(s): *Arts Integration, Design and Creativity Magnet School*

Principal: Jeff Peterson

URL: <http://www.summitviewelementary.com>