

2018 Schools of Excellence

ARIZONA

Tucson Unified School District

Davis Bilingual Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Dual Language/Spanish Immersion*

Principal: Carmen Campuzano

Mansfeld Magnet Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *STEM*

Principal: Richard Sanchez

ARKANSAS

Texarkana Arkansas School District

College Hill Middle School

Academy of Design

Grade(s): 5-6

Theme(s): *Academy of Design*

Principal: J.R. Arnold

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Unified School District

Downtown Magnets High School

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Academy of Finance; School of Fashion Design*

& Merchandising; Computer Science/Computer

Programming; Engineering program featuring Project

Lead the Way; Academy of Information Technology-

focusing on Multi-media & Digital Photography &

Filmmaking; International Baccalaureate

Principal: Dr. Sarah Usmani

Ernest Lawrence Middle School

Lawrence Gifted/Highly Gifted Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Gifted*

Principal: Marilu Pigliapoco

John Burroughs Middle School

Gifted/Highly Gifted/High Ability Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Gifted; Highly Gifted; High Ability Magnet*

Principal: Steve Martinez

Rudecinda Sepulveda Dodson Middle School

Dodson Gifted/High Ability Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Gifted; High Ability*

Principal: John Vladovic

Van Nuys High School

Medical, Performing Arts and Science/Technology/Math Magnets

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Medical; Performing Arts; Science, Technology and Math*

Principal: Yolanda Gardea

CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport Public Schools

Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Schools

Aerospace/Hydrospace Engineering

Bridgeport Public Schools, Connecticut

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Aerospace Engineering; Hydrospace Engineering*

Principal: Joseph Lipp

Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)

CREC Academy of Science and Innovation

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *STEM and Innovation; Biotechnology;*

Environmental Engineering; Robotics and Computer Science

Principal: Robert McCain

Hartford Public Schools

Great Path Academy

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Liberal Arts and Science; Middle College Experience*

Principal: Tory Niles-Outler

Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts

Grade(s): PreK4-12

Theme(s): *Performing Arts*

Principal: Ken O'Brien

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New Haven Public Schools

L.W. Beecher Museum Magnet School of Arts and Sciences

Grade(s): PreK-8
Theme(s): *Museum Studies*
Principal: Kathy Beck

Waterbury Public Schools

Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School

Grade(s): PreK-5
Theme(s): *Arts Integration*
Principal: Robin Henry

Waterbury Arts Magnet School

Grade(s): 6-12
Theme(s): *Arts*
Principal: Lauren Elias

FLORIDA

Broward County Public Schools

Liberty Elementary STEM Museum Magnet

Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *STEM Museum Magnet*
Principal: David Levine

Sunrise Middle School Montessori Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): *Montessori Magnet*
Principal: Michael Walker

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Dunbar Elementary Magnet School

Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *Medical and Science Exploration*
Principal: Frankye Bulmer

Riverhills Elementary Magnet School

Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program; International Studies*
Principal: Todd Connolly

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Ada Merritt K-8 Center

Grade(s): K-8
Theme(s): *International Studies; International Baccalaureate*
Principal: Carmen Garcia

Air Base K-8 Center

Grade(s): K-8
Theme(s): *International Education/Cambridge-Spanish International Education/Cambridge-French*
Principal: Raul Calzadilla Jr.

Arvida Middle School Forensic Science Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): *Forensic Science*
Principal: Nancy Aragon

Center for International Education: A Cambridge Associate School

Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): *Cambridge International Examinations*
Principal: Lisa Pizzimenti-Bradshaw

Coral Gables Senior High International Baccalaureate

Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*
Principal: Adolfo Costa

Coral Reef Senior High

Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): *Agriscience & Engineering, Business & Finance, Health Sciences, International Baccalaureate, Legal & Public Affairs, Visual & Performing Arts*
Principal: Thomas Ennis

Dr. Henry E. Perrine Academy of the Arts Visual and Performing Arts

Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *Visual and Performing Arts: Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Theater*
Principal: Carla Rivas

G.W. Carver Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): *International Education*
Principal: Shelley Stroleny

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Herbert A. Ammons Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*

Principal: Maria Costa

Hialeah High School

Conservatory of the Arts

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Visual and Performing Arts*

Principal: Heriberto Sanchez

Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School

iPrep & Legal Studies

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Virtual/Blended Learning and College and Career Preparation*

Principal: Lisa Garcia

Howard D. McMillan Middle School

Cambridge/Robotics Engineering and Medical Health Sciences

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Cambridge/Robotics
Medical Health Sciences*

Principal: Hilca Thomas

International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *International Studies French; International Studies Spanish; International Studies Italian; International Education Italian*

Principal: Dr. Alina Diaz-Blanco

Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Science and Mathematics*

Principal: Jose Enriquez, Jr.

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme*

Principal: Jean Rachelle Baril

MAST Academy

Maritime & Science Technology

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Maritime & Science Technology*

Principal: Josephine Otero

Medical Academy for Science and Technology

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Biomedical, Pharmaceutical, Physical Therapy, iMed*

Principal: Lisa Noffo

Miami Springs Senior High School

iTECH Academy

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *iTECH Academy*

Principal: Edward Smith

Redland Middle School

Agriscience

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Agriscience*

Principal: Gregory Beckford

Sunset Elementary School

International Studies French, German, Spanish

Grade(s): PreK-5

Theme(s): *International Studies; French, German, Spanish*

Principal: Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal

W.J. Bryan Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Museums Magnet*

Principal: Milagros Maytin-Miret

W.R. Thomas Middle School

Cambridge International Secondary I Program

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Cambridge International Secondary I Program*

Principal: Wendy Barnett

Young Women's Preparatory Academy

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Women's Leadership*

Principal: Concepcion Martinez

Orange County Public Schools

Arbor Ridge School

Arbor Ridge Middle School Magnet

Grade(s): K-8

Theme(s): *Small middle school environment with an emphasis on character and community involvement*

Principal: Vanessa DeMars

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Edgewater High School

Engineering, Science, and Technology

Grade(s): 9-12

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

Principal: Dr. Mark Shanoff

Howard Middle School

Academy of Arts

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Visual and Performing Arts*

Principal: Danial Huff

Pinellas County Schools

Ridgecrest Elementary School

Center for Gifted Studies

Grade(s): PreK-5

Theme(s): *Full-time Gifted Education*

Principal: Michael Moss

Seminole County Public Schools

Crooms Academy of Information Technology

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Information Technology*

Principal: Dr. Brandon Hanshaw

LOUISIANA

East Baton Rouge Parish School System

Belfair Montessori Magnet School

Grade(s): PreK3-8

Theme(s): *Montessori*

Principal: Jamar Jackson

The Dufrocq School

Montessori and Academic Magnet

Grade(s): PreK3-5

Theme(s): *Montessori; Academic Magnet*

Principal: Mary Robvais

MARYLAND

Baltimore County Public Schools

Cromwell Valley Elementary Magnet School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *STEAM*

Principal: Cathy Thomas

MINNESOTA

Anoka-Hennepin Independent School District #11

Anoka Middle School for the Arts

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Arts Magnet*

Principal: Jerri McGonigal

University Avenue Aerospace, Children's Engineering and Science Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Aerospace; Engineering*

Principal: Dr. Anissa Cravens

Independent School District 196

Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts & Science

Independent School District 196, Minnesota

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Arts and Science*

Principal: Scott Thomas

Independent School District 728

Salk Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *STEM school with a focus on Pre-Engineering using three themes to guide our work: Technology Integration; Evidence-based Communication; Innovative Thinking and Problem Solving*

Principal: Julie Athman

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NEVADA

Clark County School District

Advanced Technologies Academy

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Advanced Technologies Academy (A-TECH) is a Career and Technical Academy (CTA) that integrates technology, rigorous academics and ethical behavior. A-TECH has eight programs of study: Architectural Design; Business Management; Computer Science; Engineering; Graphic Design; Information Technologies; Legal Studies; and Web Design.*

Principal: Jonathan Synold

Cashman Middle School

Academy of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *STEM*

Principal: Misti Taton

Desert Pines High School

Academy of Communications & Information Technology

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Communications; Information Technology*

Principal: Isaac Stein

Desert Pines High School

Academy of Hospitality

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Hospitality*

Principal: Isaac Stein

East Career and Technical Academy

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Career and Technical Education; Medical Professions; Health Information Management; Education; Marketing & Hospitality; Culinary Arts; Information Technology; Mechanical Technology; Construction Management*

Principal: Darlin Delgado

Ed W. Clark High School

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *A.M.S.A.T. (Academy for Math, Science, Arts and Technology); A.O.F. (Academy of Finance); T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education at Clark High)*

Principal: Jillyn Pendleton

Jim Bridger Middle School

The STEAM Academy at Jim Bridger Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Biomedicine Robotics; Aviation and Aerospace Technology; Fine Arts- Visual Art, Band, Mariachi*

Principal: Laura Gault-Willis

Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communication

Grade(s): 1-5

Theme(s): *Leadership; Global Communication*

Principal: Kemala Washington

KO Knudson Middle School

Academy of Creative Arts & Technology

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Creative Arts; Technology*

Principal: Lezlie Koepp

McCaw STEAM Academy

Grade(s): PreK-5

Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) with a Geological Focus*

Principal: Jennifer Furman-Born

Northwest Career and Technical Academy

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Biotechnology; Construction; Culinary; Early Childhood; Engineering; Hospitality; Mechanical Technology; Media; Medical Professions; Teacher Education*

Principal: Tina Statucki

Southeast Career Technical Academy

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Animation and Digital Game Development, Architectural Engineering, Automotive Service Technology, Construction Engineering, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Graphic Design and Illustration, Internetworking Technology, Nursing Assistant, Photography, and Sports Medicine*

Principal: Kerry Pope

Southwest Career and Technical Academy

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Career and Technical Education*

Principal: Donna Levy

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Valley High School

International Baccalaureate

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*

Principal: Ramona Esparza

NORTH CAROLINA

Cabarrus County Schools

Weddington Hills Elementary, an IB World School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate PYP*

Principal: Chasity Dolan

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Cotswold IB World School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate PYP*

Principal: Alicia Hash

E. E. Waddell Language Academy

Grade(s): K-8

Theme(s): *Immersion Languages in K-5: Chinese, German, Japanese, Chinese and Immersion and World Languages in Grades 6-8: Chinese, German, Japanese, Chinese, and Spanish*

Principal: Dr. Felicia Eybl

First Ward Creative Arts Academy

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Arts*

Principal: Selestine Adams

Highland Mill Montessori School

Grade(s): PreK-6

Theme(s): *Montessori*

Principal: Dr. Patricia Riska

JM Alexander Middle School

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate MYP*

Principal: Angela Richardson

Oaklawn Language Academy

Grade(s): K-8

Theme(s): *Spanish Language Immersion*

Principal: Carmen Concepcion

Piedmont Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*

Principal: Jackie Barone

Shamrock Gardens Elementary

Learning Immersion/Talent Development (LI/TD)

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Learning Immersion/Talent Development (LI/TD)*

Principal: Sarah Reeves

Durham Public Schools

Lakewood Montessori Middle School

Durham Public Schools, North Carolina

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Montessori Education*

Principal: Dr. W. Renee Carmon

Wake County Public School System

Brentwood School of Engineering Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Engineering*

Principal: Robert Epler

Conn Magnet Elementary School of Entrepreneurial Design

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Entrepreneurial Design*

Principal: Gary Duvall

Daniels Global Studies/Language Immersion Magnet Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Global Studies; Language Immersion*

Principal: David Gaudet

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East Garner International Baccalaureate MYP / Creative Arts Magnet Middle

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate MYP; Creative Arts*

Principal: James Sposato

Farmington Woods International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate PYP*

Principal: Anne Winston Pierce

Hunter Gifted & Talented / AIG Basics Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented/Academically Intellectually Gifted Basics (GT/AIG Basics)*

Principal: Briana Pelton

Leroy G. Martin Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented*

Principal: Lacey Peckham

Ligon Gifted & Talented / AIG Basics Magnet Middle

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Gifted & Talented; Academically/Intellectually Gifted Basics*

Principal: Gretta Dula

Moore Square Gifted & Talented / AIG Basics Magnet Middle

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Gifted & Talented; AIG Basics*

Principal: Jacqueline Jordan

Wake STEM Early College High School

Grade(s): 9-13

Theme(s): *STEM; College Readiness*

Principal: David Schwenker

Wendell Creative Arts & Science Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Creative Arts and Science*

Principal: Jack Zellmer

Wiley International Studies Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *International Studies*

Principal: Leslie Taylor

SOUTH CAROLINA

Richland School District Two

Richland Northeast High School: An International Baccalaureate World School

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*

Principal: Dr. Sabrina Suber

Spring Valley High School

Discovery & Explorations

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Discovery and Explorations both focus on science and mathematics, although each has a different emphasis. Discovery is an honors/AP math/science curriculum that includes two years of independent research; Explorations is a college-preparatory math/science curriculum that culminates in a 200-hour internship with community members and/or businesses. Both programs employ rigorous standards, hands-on learning opportunities, and a family atmosphere.*

Principal: Jeff Temoney

TENNESSEE

Hamilton County Department of Education

Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Center for Creative Arts has a fine arts theme which includes eight different arts majors for students. The arts majors are acting, communications, dance, instrumental music, musical theatre, technical theatre, visual art, and vocal music.*

Principal: Deborah B. Smith

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TEXAS

Aldine Independent School District

Kujawa Education Center

Grade(s): PreK-4

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*

Principal: Andrea Davis

Houston Independent School District

Energy Institute High School

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *STEM; Project Based Learning*

Principal: Lori Lambropoulos