



*The National Association of Magnet and Theme-Based Schools*

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## **Magnet Schools of America Recognizes 29 Nationally Certified Schools**

*August 25, 2021* — Magnet Schools of America (MSA) has named 10 Nationally Certified Schools and 19 Nationally Certified Demonstration Schools, bringing the total number of national certified schools across the country to 187. As leading examples of magnet school excellence, these schools provide outstanding learning opportunities for their students, and join a growing cohort of recognized magnet programs across the country.

Magnet Schools of America’s National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL) developed the certification program in 2016 as a roadmap for magnet schools to reach their fullest potential. Schools are assessed on the [Magnet School Standards of Excellence](#) and the [five pillars of magnet schools](#). Certification applicants submit detailed examples of their work to promote diversity, remove barriers to student success and implement an innovative curriculum, as well as encourage parent and community partnerships in their schools. Becoming a certified magnet school is an extensive, rigorous process that helps schools strengthen their top qualities and gain national recognition for their success.

This cohort’s newly certified schools are located across nine states: Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Nevada, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

The 19 schools that attained Certified Demonstration not only met the Standards of Excellence, but exceeded the criteria and will serve as learning models for magnets across the country to replicate. Among the 187 certified schools to date, 59 have been designated as Certified Demonstration Schools.

“We continue to proudly celebrate our new nationally certified schools,” said Kelly Bucherie, Director for Magnet School Leadership at Magnet Schools of America. “During an uncertain and difficult year, these schools showed what’s possible when faculty, parents, students and communities come together to do what it takes to deliver a high-quality education for all students. School teams worked tirelessly to meet the Standards of Excellence, while promoting diversity and innovative curriculums in the classroom, and fostering high-quality learning environments for their students. We are thrilled to see their hard work and commitment to excellence recognized.”

For more information about Magnet Schools of America’s Certification Program, visit: <https://magnet.edu/certification/national-certification>.

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**Magnet Schools of America (MSA)** is a nonprofit education association that represents more than 4,340 magnet schools serving nearly 3.5 million students across 46 states and the District of Columbia. MSA was founded in 1986 and authorized as a 501(c)3 in 1994. It supports and serves the leaders and teachers of magnet and theme-based schools, while promoting the development of new magnet programs. It also provides technical assistance through the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL).

### 2021 Nationally Certified Demonstration Schools

School Name	State	Region	District
Mansfeld Middle School	AZ	II	Tucson Unified School District
Altadena Arts Magnet	CA	II	Pasadena Unified School District
Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy	NV	II	Clark County School District
Walter Bracken STEAM Academy	NV	II	Clark County School District
Riverhills Elementary Magnet IB World School	FL	III	Hillsborough County Public Schools
Macfarlane Park Elementary	FL	III	Hillsborough County Public Schools
Coral Reef Senior High School	FL	III	Miami Dade County Public Schools
M.D. Roberts Middle School of the Arts	GA	III	Clayton County Public Schools
Piedmont Open Middle School, An IB World School	NC	IV	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Douglas Creative Arts & Science Magnet Elementary	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Center for Inquiry	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Muller Road Middle School/Leadership Academy at Muller Road	SC	IV	Richland School District Two

Longleaf Middle School: School of Zoological and Botanical Studies Magnet / Engineering and Arts Program	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Richland Northeast High School - International Baccalaureate World School, Horizon, Convergence Media, and Palmetto Center for the Arts	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Kenwood Leadership Academy Magnet School	IA	VI	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Roosevelt Creative Corridor Business Academy	IA	VI	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Chicago High School for the Agricultural Sciences	IL	VI	Chicago Public Schools
South Elgin High School: Beacon Academy of Media and Digital Arts	IL	VI	Elgin Area Schools - School District U-46

### 2021 Nationally Certified Magnet Schools

School Name	State	Region	District
Davis Bilingual Magnet Elementary	AZ	II	Tucson Unified School District
Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies	CA	II	Los Angeles Unified School District
Franklin High School STEM Magnet	CA	II	Los Angeles Unified School District
Northwest Career and Technical Academy	NV	II	Clark County School District
John F. Kennedy Middle School - Biomedical & Environmental Agriculture Technology	FL	III	Miami Dade County Public Schools
Bayonet Point Middle School	FL	III	Pasco County Public Schools
Idlewild Elementary	NC	IV	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Wiley International Studies Magnet Elementary	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
E. L. Wright Middle School	SC	IV	Richland School District Two

L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
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