

# 2017 Schools of Excellence



## **ARIZONA**

### **Borton Magnet Elementary School**

Tucson Unified School District, AZ

Grade(s): PreK-5

Theme(s): *Project Based Learning and Systems Thinking*

Principal: Denice Contreras

URL: <http://edweb.tusd1.org/Borton>

### **Global Experience Magnet School**

Bloomfield Public Schools, CT

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Global Experiences*

Principal: Sabin Loveland

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

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **Downtown Magnets High School**

Los Angeles Unified School District, CA

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Business & Finance; Fashion Design & Merchandising; Engineering; Computer Science & Multimedia; International Baccalaureate Program*

Principal: Dr. Jared DuPree

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

### **Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy**

Hartford Public Schools, CT

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Science; the Arts; Early College*

Principal: Sally Biggs

URL: <http://hmtca.hartfordschools.org>

### **Grover Cleveland Charter High School**

Cleveland Humanities Magnet

Los Angeles Unified School District, CA

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Humanities*

Principal: Cindy Duong

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

### **Hill Regional Career High School**

New Haven Public Schools, CT

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Health/Science; Business/Technology*

Principal: Zakia Parrish

URL: <http://careerhighschool.org>

## **CONNECTICUT**

### **Breakthrough Magnet School, South Campus**

Hartford Public Schools, CT

Grade(s): PreK-8

Theme(s): *Character Education*

Principal: Julie Goldstein

URL: <http://breakthroughmagnetschool.org/>

### **Moriarty Environmental Sciences Mag**

Norwich Public Schools, CT

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM); Environmental Science*

Principal: Rebecca Pellerin

URL: <http://www.norwichpublicschools.org/page.cfm?p=3010>

### **Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School**

New Haven Public Schools, CT

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Arts: Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts*

Principal: Val Jean Belton

URL: <http://co-opartsandhumanities.org/>

## **FLORIDA**

### **Air Base K-8 Center**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): K-8

Theme(s): *International Education: Cambridge-Spanish (K-8); Cambridge-French (K-8)*

Principal: Raul Calzadilla Jr.

URL: <http://www.airbasek8.net>

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## Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts

Miami Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Visual, Performing, and Expressive Arts*

Principal: Martin T. Reid

URL: <http://apmays.dadeschools.net>

## Arvida Middle School

Global Studies Magnet Program (Environmental Science)

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 6-7

Theme(s): *Global Studies Magnet Program (Environmental Science)*

Principal: Nancy Aragon

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

## Center for International Education: A Cambridge

### Associate School

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 9-11

Theme(s): *Cambridge International*

Principal: Lisa Pizzimenti-Bradshaw

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

## Coral Reef Senior High School

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Agriscience & Engineering; Business & Finance; Health Sciences; International Baccalaureate; Legal & Public Affairs; Visual & Performing Arts*

Principal: Thomas Ennis

URL: <http://crhs.dadeschools.net>

## Design and Architecture Senior High

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Design and Architecture*

Principal: Ana Alvarez-Armon

URL: <http://dashschool.org>

## Dr. Henry Perrine Academy of the Arts

Visual and Performing Arts: Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Visual and Performing Arts: Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre*

Principal: Carla D. Rivas

URL: <http://perrineelementary.dadeschools.net>

## Dr. Phillips High School

Center for International Studies

Orange County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *International Studies*

Principal: Dr. Suzanne Knight

URL: <http://www.dphs.ocps.net>

## G. Holmes Braddock

Cambridge Global Studies

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Cambridge Global Studies*

Principal: Manuel Garcia

URL: <http://ghbraddock.dadeschools.net/>

## Herbert Ammons Middle School

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 6-8

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

Principal: Maria Costa

URL: <http://ammons.dadeschools.net>

## Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High

iPrep Academy

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Virtual/Blended Learning (Technology)*

Principal: Lisa Garcia

URL: <http://hmltrojans.org>

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## Hunter's Creek Elementary School

Dual Language Enrichment  
Orange County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-12  
Theme(s): *Dual Language Enrichment*  
Principal: Urdaneta E. Fresia  
URL: <https://www.ocps.net/lc/southwest/ehc/Pages/default.aspx>

## John A. Ferguson Senior High School

International Business and Finance  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *International Business and Finance*  
Principal: Rafael Villalobos  
URL: <http://fergusonhs.org>

## John F. Kennedy Middle School

Biomedical, Environmental, Agricultural, Technology Magnet  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Biomedical, Environmental, Agricultural, Technology*  
Principal: Mary Kate Parton  
URL: <http://jfk.dadeschools.net/>

## Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Mathematics, Science and Technology*  
Principal: Jose Enriquez  
URL: <http://www.mast3.com>

## Lakeview Middle School

World Language Academy  
Orange County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Foreign Language*  
Principal: Dr. Athena Adams  
URL: <https://www.ocps.net/lc/west/mla/Pages/default.aspx>

## Lee Middle School

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme  
Orange County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*  
Principal: Cynthia Haupt  
URL: <https://www.ocps.net/lc/north/mle/Pages/default.aspx>

## Medical Academy for Science and Technology

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

## Miami Lakes Educational Center

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *College and Careers Pathways*  
Principal: Lourdes Diaz  
URL: <http://www.mlecshs.dadeschools.net>

## Miami Springs Senior High School

iTECH Academy  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *iTECH Academy Game, Simulation, and Animation*  
Principal: Edward Smith  
URL: <http://miamispringshawks.org>

## Milwee Middle School

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

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## Orange Grove Middle Magnet School

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Visual, Communication, and Performing Arts*  
Principal: Dr. Shannon Butler  
URL: <http://orangegrove.mysdhc.org>

## Ponce de Leon Middle School

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme*  
Principal: Martha C. Chang  
URL: <http://ponce.dadeschools.net>

## Riverhills Elementary Magnet School for International Studies- IB World School

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

## Sam Rampello Downtown Partnership K-8 Magnet School

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *Cultural Arts and Humanities*  
Principal: Liz Uppercue  
URL: <http://rampello.mysdhc.org/>

## South Seminole Middle School Leadership and Global Connections Magnet

Seminole County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Leadership and Global Connections Magnet*  
Principal: Dr. Mia Coleman-Baker  
URL: <http://ssms.scps.k12.fl.us>

## Stewart Middle Magnet

Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Dr. Baretta Wilson  
URL: <http://stewart.mysdhc.org/>

## Sunrise Middle School

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

## Sunset Elementary School

International Studies Magnet Program  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): PreK-5  
Theme(s): *International Studies*  
Principal: Marlene Leyte-Vidal  
URL: <http://sunsetinternationalschool.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; Culinary Arts; Early Childhood Education; Business Health Administration; Commercial Art Academy; Welding; Transportation Services; Collision Repair and Paint Refinishing; and Navel Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp.*  
Principal: Michael Ippolito  
URL: <http://tbt.mysdhc.org/>

## University High School

International Baccalaureate  
Orange County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*  
Principal: Dr. Anne Carcara  
URL: <https://www.ocps.net/lc/east/hun/Pages/default.aspx>

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## University High School Global Technologies

Global Technologies  
Orange County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Dr. Anne S. Carcara  
URL: <http://www.uhs.ocps.net>

## W.R. Thomas Middle School

Cambridge International  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Cambridge International*  
Principal: Allen Breeding III  
URL: <http://wrthomas.dadeschools.net/>

## West Miami Middle School

ECOTEC  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Ecology and Technology*  
Principal: Katyna D. Lopez-Martin  
URL: <http://westmiamimiddle.org>

## 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/>

## 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>

## John S. Davidson Fine Arts School

Richmond County School System, GA  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Fine Arts*  
Principal: Dr. Renee A. Kelly  
URL: <http://www.rcboe.org/davidson>

## LOUISIANA

### Iberville MSA West

Iberville Parish Schools, LA  
Grade(s): K-12  
Theme(s): *Discovering Talents and Interests Through Immersion in Technology and Visual and Performing Arts*  
Principal: Elvis J. Cavalier  
URL: <http://www.ipsb.net/domain9>

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Springfield Renaissance School

Springfield Public Schools, MA  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Expeditionary Learning; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Arria Coburn  
URL: <http://springfieldpublicschools.com/schools/Renaissance>

## MARYLAND

### Cromwell Valley Elementary School

Baltimore County Public Schools, MD  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM)*  
Principal: Cathy Thomas  
URL: <http://cromwellvalleyes.bcps.org/>

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## **MINNESOTA**

### **Anoka Middle School for the Arts**

Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11, MN

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Arts focused*

Principal: Jerri McGonigal

URL: <http://anoka.k12.mn.us/amsa>

### **Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts & Science**

Independent School District 196, MN

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Art; Science*

Principal: Scott Thomas

URL: <http://www.district196.org/gh/>

### **Salk Middle School**

Independent School District 728, MN

Grade(s): 6-8

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

Principal: Julie Athman

URL: <http://www.isd728.org/sms>

### **University Avenue Aerospace, Children's Engineering, and Science**

Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11, MN

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Aerospace*

Principal: Dr. Anissa Cravens

URL: <http://anoka.k12.mn.us/university>

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

Osseo Area Schools, MN

Grade(s): K-5

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

Principal: Dennis Palm

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

## **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>

### **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/brookses>

### **Broughton Global Studies/Language Immersion Magnet High School**

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): 9-12

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

Principal: Stephen Mares

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/broughtonhs>

### **Centennial Campus University Connections and Leadership Magnet Middle School**

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *University Connection; Leadership*

Principal: Katie McMillan

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/centennialms>

### **E. E. Waddell Language Academy**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): K-8

Theme(s): *Language Immersion: German, French, Japanese, or Chinese*

Principal: Dr. Felicia Eybl

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/waddellHS/Pages/Default.aspx>



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## **East Garner International Baccalaureate MYP/Creative Arts Magnet Middle School**

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): 6-8

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

Principal: Elena Ashburn

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/eastgarnerms>

## **East Mecklenburg High School**

International Baccalaureate

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*

Principal: Richard Parker

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/eastmecklenburgHS/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Elizabeth Traditional Elementary School**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): 6

Theme(s): *Traditional and the Leader in Me - 7 Habits*

Principal: Susan Spencer-Smith

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/elizabethES/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Farmington Woods International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): K-5

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

Principal: Anne Winston Plerce

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/farmingtonwoods>

## **Idlewild Elementary School**

Learning Immersion and Talent Development

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Learning Immersion and Talent Development*

Principal: Larenda Denien

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/idlewildES/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **JM Alexander Middle School**

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): 6-8

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

Principal: Angela Richardson

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/jmalexanderMS/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Legette Blythe Elementary**

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): PreK-5

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

Principal: Leora Itzhaki

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/blytheES/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Millbrook International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Programme Magnet High School**

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Programmes*

Principal: Dana King

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/millbrookhs>

## **Morehead Montessori Magnet Elementary School**

Durham Public Schools, NC

Grade(s): PreK-5

Theme(s): *Montessori*

Principal: Cynthia Webb

URL: <http://morehead.dpsnc.net>

## **Palisades Park Elementary**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): K-5

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

Principal: Gina O'Hare

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/palisadesparkES/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## **Shamrock Gardens Elementary**

Learning Immersion and Talent Development

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Learning Immersion and Talent Development*

Principal: Sarah Reeves

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/shamrockgardensES>

## **The School for Creative Studies**

Durham Public Schools, NC

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Creative Studies*

Principal: Renee Price

URL: <http://scs.dpsnc.net/>

## **Tuckaseegee Elementary School**

Learning Immersion and Talent Development

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Learning Immersion and Talent Development*

Principal: Dr. Rhonda Gomez

URL: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/tuckaseegeeES/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Wake STEM Early College High School**

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): 9-13

Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM);  
College Readiness*

Principal: David Schwenker

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/stemec>

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

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Gifted & Talented*

Principal: Robert Grant

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/washingtones>

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

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Creative Arts and Science*

Principal: Shane Barham

URL: <https://wcpss.net/wendelles>

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

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *International Studies*

Principal: Leslie Taylor

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/wileyes>

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

Wake County Public School System, NC

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): *Gifted & Talented*

Principal: David Newkirk

URL: <http://www.wcpss.net/zebulones>

## **NEVADA**

### **Advanced Technologies Academy**

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Academics plus Technologies*

Principal: Jonathan Synold

URL: <http://atech.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>



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## Ed W. Clark High School

Academy of Math, Science, Arts and Technology

Academy of Finance

Teacher Education Academy

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Academy of Math, Science, Arts and Technology;*

*Academy of Finance; Teacher Education Academy*

Principal: Jillyn Pendleton

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

## Gilbert Magnet School

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 1-5

Theme(s): *Communications and Creative Arts*

Principal: Kimberly Daniels

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

## Southeast Career Technical Academy

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Animation for Film and Games; Architectural Engineering; Automotive Service Technology; Automotive Collision Technology; Construction Engineering; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Graphic Design and Illustration; Internetworking Technology; Nursing Assistant; Photography and Sports Medicine*

Principal: Kerry Pope

URL: <http://www.secta.us>

## Thurman White Academy of the Performing Arts

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Performing Arts: Band, Choir, Dance, Theater, and Orchestra*

Principal: Andrea Katona

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

## Valley High School

Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Academy of Hospitality and Tourism*

Principal: Ramona Esparza

URL: <http://valleyhs.vegas>

## Veterans Tribute Career & Technical Academy

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Law Enforcement and Public Safety; Law Enforcement; Criminal Justice; Emergency Medical Services; Emergency Telecommunications; Forensic Science*

Principal: Tammy Cullum Boffelli

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

## Walter Bracken STEAM Academy

Clark County School District, NV

Grade(s): 1-5

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

Principal: Kathleen Decker

URL: <http://brackensteamacademy.weebly.com/>

## TENNESSEE

### Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts

Hamilton County Department of Education, TN

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Fine Arts*

Principal: Deborah B. Smith

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

## TEXAS

### Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan

Houston Independent School District, TX

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *Health Science*

Principal: Jyoti Malhan

URL: <http://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/7994>

### Energy Institute High School

Houston Independent School District, TX

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Project Based Learning campus with a STEM theme*

Principal: Lori Lambropoulos

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