

# 2014 Schools of Excellence

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## CONNECTICUT

### International Magnet School

Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)  
South Windsor, CT  
Grade(s): PK-5  
Theme(s): *Global Citizenship*  
Principal: Cindy C. Rigling  
Website: [www.crecschools.org](http://www.crecschools.org)

### CREC's Discovery Academy

Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)  
Hartford, CT  
Grade(s): PK-2  
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)*  
Principal: Dr. Lynn Toper  
Website: [www.crecschools.org/our-schools/discovery-academy/](http://www.crecschools.org/our-schools/discovery-academy/)

### Two Rivers Magnet Middle School

Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)  
East Hartford, CT  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Environmental Science*  
Principal: Robert McCain  
Website: [www.tworivers.crec.org](http://www.tworivers.crec.org)

### Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker

Hartford Public Schools  
Hartford, CT  
Grade(s): PK-8  
Theme(s): *Environmental Sciences*  
Principal: Peter Dart  
Website: [www.environmentalsciencesmagnet.org](http://www.environmentalsciencesmagnet.org)

### Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts

Hartford Public Schools  
Hartford, CT  
Grade(s): Pre-K-10  
Theme(s): *Performing Arts*  
Principal: Ken O'Brien  
Website: [www.kmspa.org](http://www.kmspa.org)

### Breakthrough Magnet School

Hartford Public Schools  
Hartford, CT  
Grade(s): PK3-8  
Theme(s): *Character Education*  
Principal: Julie Goldstein  
Website: [www.breakthroughmagnetschool.org](http://www.breakthroughmagnetschool.org)

### Pathways Academy of Technology & Design

Hartford Public Schools  
Windsor, CT  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Technology Integration & Project Based Learning*  
Principal: David Goldblum  
Website: [www.pathwaystotechnology.com](http://www.pathwaystotechnology.com)

### Engineering and Science University Magnet School

New Haven Public Schools  
Hamden, CT  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *STEM-Focus on Engineering*  
Principal: Medria Blue-Ellis  
Website: <http://esumsnewhaven.com>

## FLORIDA

### Boys Preparatory Academy Franklin Middle Magnet School

Hillsborough County Public Schools  
Tampa, FL  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *College Preparatory in a Single Gender Environment*  
Principal: John Haley  
Website: <http://franklin.mysdhc.org>

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## **Middleton High School**

### ***Pre-Collegiate STEM Academy***

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Tampa, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Biomedical-Biotechnology - 'Project Lead the Way'; Computer Game Design; Computer Systems Engineering; Engineering - 'Project Lead the Way'*

Principal: Owen Young

Website: <http://middleton.mysdhc.org>

## **Roland Park K-8 Magnet School for International Studies**

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Tampa, FL

Grade(s): K-8

Theme(s): *International Studies*

Principal: Dr. Jonathan Grantham

Website: <http://rolandpark.mysdhc.org/>

## **Stewart Middle Magnet**

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Tampa, FL

Grade(s): 6-8

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

Principal: Baretta Wilson

Website: <http://stewart.mysdhc.org/>

## **Williams Middle Magnet School**

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Tampa, FL

Grade(s): 6-8

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

Principal: Arlene Castelli

Website: <http://williams.mysdhc.org/>

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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Homestead, FL

Grade(s): K-6

Theme(s): *International Education*

Principal: Raul Calzadilla, Jr.

Website: <http://abe.dadeschools.net>

## **Arthur & Polly Mays 6-12 Conservatory of the Arts**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Miami, FL

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): *Visual & Performing Arts*

Principal: Martin T. Reid

Website: [www.apmays.dadeschools.net](http://www.apmays.dadeschools.net)

## **Design and Architecture Senior High**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Miami, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Design and Architecture*

Principal: Stacy Mancuso

Website: [www.dashschool.org](http://www.dashschool.org)

## **Dr. Henry E. Perrine Elementary School**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Miami, FL

Grade(s): K-5

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

Principal: Maileen A. Ferrer

Website: [www.perrineelementary.dadeschools.net](http://www.perrineelementary.dadeschools.net)

## **Felix Varela Senior High School**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Miami, FL

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): *Veterinary Science*

Principal: Nery Fins

Website: [www.varelahighschools.org](http://www.varelahighschools.org)

## **Herbert A. Ammons Middle School**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Miami, FL

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*

Principal: Maria Costa

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

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## **iPrep Academy**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Miami, FL  
Grade(s): 9-11  
Theme(s): *Careers & Leadership*  
Principal: Alberto M. Carvalho  
Website: <http://iprep.dadeschools.net>

## **New World School of the Arts**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Miami, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Visual & Performing Arts*  
Principal: Evonne Alvarez  
Website: <http://nwsa.mdc.edu>

## **South Miami K-8 Center Expressive Arts Magnet**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Miami, FL  
Grade(s): PK-8  
Theme(s): *Expressive arts magnet including dance, drama, music, visual arts and computer art technology*  
Principal: Anamarie G. Moreiras  
Website: [www.smk8center.org](http://www.smk8center.org)

## **Sunset Elementary School**

### ***International Studies Magnet Program***

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Miami, FL  
Grade(s): 1-5  
Theme(s): *International Studies*  
Principal: Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal  
Website: <http://sunset.dadeschools.net>

## **TERRA Environmental Research Institute**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Miami, FL  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Biomedical, Engineering, and Environmental*  
Principal: Carrie Montano  
Website: <http://terra.dadeschools.net>

## **William Jennings Bryan Elementary Museums Magnet School**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
North Miami, FL  
Grade(s): PK-5  
Theme(s): *Museums Magnet*  
Principal: Milagros Maytin-Miret  
Website: <http://www.wjbryanmagnet.net>

## **Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Hialeah, FL  
Grade(s): 6-11  
Theme(s): *STEM*  
Principal: Jose Enriquez, Jr.  
Website: [www.mast3.com](http://www.mast3.com)

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

Pinellas County Schools  
St. Petersburg, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Engineering & Mathematics*  
Principal: Mary Jane Dann  
Website: [www.jamerson-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us](http://www.jamerson-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us)

## **Lincoln Avenue Academy**

Polk County School District  
Lakeland, FL  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *STEM*  
Principal: Evelyn Hollen  
Website: <http://schools.polk-fl.net/laa>

## **GEORGIA**

## **CT Walker Traditional Magnet School**

Richmond County School System  
Augusta, GA  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *Traditional*  
Principal: Dr. Renee Kelly  
Website: <http://www.walker.rcboe.org>

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## INDIANA

### **Center for Inquiry at IPS #327**

Indianapolis Public Schools  
Indianapolis, IN  
Grade(s): K-7  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Program and Inquiry-Based Curriculum*  
Principal: Jamilyn Bertsch  
Website: <http://327.ips.k12.in.us>

### **Center for Inquiry at IPS School #302**

Indianapolis Public Schools  
Indianapolis, IN  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate and Inquiry-based*  
Principal: Andrea Hunley  
Website: <http://302.ips.k12.in.us/>

### **Rousseau McClellan Montessori at IPS School #391**

Indianapolis Public Schools  
Indianapolis, IN  
Grade(s): PK-8  
Theme(s): *Montessori*  
Principal: Margaret E. Higgs  
Website: [www.391.ips.k12.in.us](http://www.391.ips.k12.in.us)

## LOUISIANA

### **McKinley Middle Academic Magnet School of Visual and Performing Arts**

East Baton Rouge Parish Schools  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Academic; Visual and Performing Arts*  
Principal: Herman R. Brister  
Website: <http://mckinleymiddle.ebrschools.org/>

### **Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet School**

East Baton Rouge Parish Schools  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Academic*  
Principal: Phyllis C. Crawford  
Website: <http://sherwood.ebrschools.org>

### **Iberville Mathematics, Science, and Arts Academy West-Elementary Academy**

Iberville Parish School District  
Plaquemine, LA  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Discovering Talents and Interests Through Immersion in Technology and the Visual and Performing Arts*  
Principal: Sondia Funchess  
Website: <http://www.msawestelementary.com/>

## MASSACHUSETTS

### **Springfield Central High School**

Springfield Public Schools  
Springfield, MA  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Advanced Studies and the Arts (augmenting with STEAM beginning 10/1/13)*  
Principal: Thaddeus Tokarz  
Website: [www.springfieldcentral.com](http://www.springfieldcentral.com)

### **Springfield Renaissance School**

Springfield Public Schools  
Springfield, MA  
Grade(s): 6-12  
Theme(s): *Expeditionary Learning (just awarded a new MSAP grant for EL and STEM)*  
Principal: Dr. Stephen R. Mahoney  
Website: <http://spsrenaissance.com>

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## MARYLAND

### **Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School of Technology**

Baltimore County Public Schools  
Towson, MD  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Technology*  
Principal: Darlene R. Morrison  
Website: <http://cromwellvalleyes.bcps.org>

### **Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics, and Communications**

Baltimore County Public Schools  
Lutherville, MD  
Grade(s): PK-5  
Theme(s): *Science, Mathematics, and Communications*  
Principal: Steve Buettner  
Website: <http://luthervilleles.bcps.org>

## MINNESOTA

### **Champlin-Brooklyn Park Academy for Math and Environmental Science**

Anoka-Hennepin School District 11  
Champlin, MN  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *STEM- Math and Environmental Science*  
Principal: Brian Mann  
Website: [www.anoka.k12.mn.us/cbpames](http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us/cbpames)

### **Garlough Environmental Magnet School**

District 197  
West St Paul, MN  
Grade(s): K-4  
Theme(s): *Environmental*  
Principal: Susan Powell  
Website: <http://www.garlough.isd197.org/>

### **Salk Middle School Pre-Engineering Magnet Program**

Elk River Area School District- ISD 728  
Elk River, MN  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *S.T.E.M.*  
Principal: Julie Athman  
Website: <http://sms.elkriver.k12.mn.us/>

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

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

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

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

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

Independent School District 196: Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan  
Eagan, MN  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Arts and Science*  
Principal: Jeff Holten  
Website: <http://www.district196.org/gh/>

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## NEVADA

### **Advanced Technologies Academy (A-TECH)**

Clark County School District  
Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Academics plus Technology*  
Principal: Deborah Kral  
Website: [www.atech.org](http://www.atech.org)

### **Cashman Middle School Academy of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering**

Clark County School District  
Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Mathematics, Science, and Engineering*  
Principal: Misti Taton  
Website: <http://cashmanms.com>

### **Ed W. Clark High School Academy of Finance**

Clark County School District  
Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Business and Finance*  
Principal: Jillyn Pendleton  
Website: [www.clarkchargers.org](http://www.clarkchargers.org)

### **Rancho High School Academy of Aviation Science and Technology**

Clark County School District  
Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Aviation: Engineering and Flight*  
Principal: Dr. James Kuzma  
Website: <http://ranchorams.org>

### **Rancho High School Academy of Medical Science and Technology**

Clark County School District  
Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Medical: Pre-Medicine and  
Biotechnology*  
Principal: Dr. James Kuzman  
Website: <http://ranchorams.org>

### **Southwest Career and Technical Academy**

Clark County School District  
Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Automotive Technology, Culinary,  
Dental Assisting, Entertainment Engineering,  
Fashion, Hospitality, Interior Design, Nursing  
Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, Video Game  
Design, Web Design*  
Principal: Felicia Nemcek  
Website: <http://swcta.net>

### **The Academy of Math, Science, and Technology at Jim Bridger Middle School**

Clark County School District  
North Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Aerospace/Aviation, Biomedicine,  
Robotics/Engineering, and Technology*  
Principal: Dr. Deanna Jaskolski  
Website: <http://schools.ccsd.net/bridger>

### **Valley High School Academy of Hospitality and Tourism**

Clark County School District  
Las Vegas, NV  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Hospitality and tourism*  
Principal: Deann Burnett  
Website: [www.valleyvikings.net](http://www.valleyvikings.net)

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## NORTH CAROLINA

### **Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools  
Charlotte, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate - Primary Years Programme*  
Principal: Carol Rodd  
Website:  
<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/huntingtownefarmsES/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Albemarle Road Middle School *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program***

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools  
Charlotte, NC  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*  
Principal: Toni Perry  
Website:  
<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/albemarleroadMS/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Collinswood Language Academy**

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

### **Irwin Academic Center**

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

### **Oaklawn Language Academy**

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

### **Legette Blythe Elementary School**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools  
Huntersville, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme*  
Principal: Patricia Johanson  
Website:  
<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/blytheES/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Cotswold Elementary**

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

### **Club Boulevard Humanities Magnet Elementary School**

Durham Public Schools  
Durham, NC  
Grade(s): K - 5  
Theme(s): *Humanities*  
Principal: Teresa James  
Website: <http://www.clubblvd.dpsnc.net/>

### **Lakewood Montessori Middle School**

Durham Public Schools  
Durham, NC  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Montessori*  
Principal: Sheldon S. Reynolds  
Website: <http://montessorimiddle.dpsnc.net/>

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

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented*  
Principal: Kathy Knezevic  
Website: <http://washingtanes.wcpss.net>

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

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *University Connections and Leadership*  
Principal: Dr. Edye Morris-Bryant  
Website: <http://ccms.wcpss.net>

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

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

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

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): K-6  
Theme(s): *Active Learning and Technology*  
Principal: Barry Richburg  
Website: <http://connes.wcpss.net>

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

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

## **Fred J. Carnage Gifted & Talented / Academically & Intellectually Gifted Basics Magnet Middle School**

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented and Academically/Intellectually Gifted*  
Principal: Pamela Perry Johnson  
Website: <http://carnagem.wcpss.net/>

## **Fuller Gifted & Talented/Academically & Intellectually Gifted Basics Magnet Elementary School**

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Gifted & Talented/Academically & Intellectually Gifted Basics*  
Principal: Cheryl Fenner  
Website: <http://fulleres.wcpss.net>

## **Hunter Gifted & Talented / Academically & Intellectually Gifted Basics Magnet Elementary School**

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

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

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented*  
Principal: Charles Miller  
Website: [www.powelles.net](http://www.powelles.net)

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## **Southeast Raleigh Center for Leadership & Technology Magnet High School**

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *Leadership and Technology*  
Principal: David Schwenker  
Website: [www.srhs.net](http://www.srhs.net)

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

Wake County Public School System  
Zebulon, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *Gifted and Talented*  
Principal: Marion S. Evans  
Website: <http://zebulones.wcpss.net>

## **Millbrook Elementary International Baccaalaureate Primary Years Programme Magnet School**

Wake County Public School System  
Raleigh, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): *International Baccaalaureate Primary Years Programme*  
Principal: Paula Trantham  
Website: [www.millbrookeelementary.com](http://www.millbrookelementary.com)

## **Atkins Academic & Technology High School**

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): *STEM: Biotechnology, Engineering, Health Science, and Scientific Visualization*  
Principal: Joseph Childers  
Website: [www.atkinshighschool.org](http://www.atkinshighschool.org)

## **TEXAS**

### **Shotwell Middle School**

Aldine Independent School District  
Houston, TX  
Grade(s): 7-8  
Theme(s): *International Baccaalaureate Middle Years Programme*  
Principal: Mable Holt  
Website:  
<http://www.aldine.k12.tx.us/cms/rise/main.cfm?siteID=194>