2015 SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

ARIZONA
Drachman Montessori Magnet School
Tucson Unified School District, AZ
Grade(s): K-6
Theme(s): Montessori Education
Principal: Dr. Jesus Celaya
URL: http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/drachman/index.html

Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy
Hartford Public Schools, CT
Grade(s): 6-12
Theme(s): Science, Arts, Early College
Principal: Sally Biggs
URL: http://hmtca.hartfordschools.org

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY MENTH SCHOOL
New Haven Public Schools, CT
Grade(s): 6-12
Theme(s): Engineering, Science, STEM
Principal: Medria Blue-Ellis
URL: http://esumsnh.net

L.W. Beecher Museum Magnet School
School of Arts and Sciences
New Haven Public Schools, CT
Grade(s): PK-8
Theme(s): Museum Studies
Principal: Kathy Beck
URL: https://sites.google.com/site/beechermuseummagnet/

Ross Woodward Classical Studies Interdistrict Magnet School
New Haven Public Schools, CT
Grade(s): PK-8
Theme(s): Classical Studies & Paideia
Principal: Cheryl Brown
URL: www.rosswoodward.org

CONNETICUT
CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
Capital Region Education Council, CT
Grade(s): 6-12
Theme(s): Aerospace and Engineering
Principal: Delores M. Bolton and Paul M. Brenton
URL: http://www.crecschools.org/our-schools/academy-of-aerospace-engineering

CREC Museum Academy Magnet School
Capital Region Education Council, CT
Grade(s): PK-5
Theme(s): Museum Studies
Principal: Shandra Scott-Brown
URL: www.crecschools.org

Discovery Academy
Capital Region Education Council, CT
Grade(s): PK-3
Theme(s): Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)
Principal: Dr. Lynn Toper
URL: http://www.crecschools.org/our-schools/discovery-academy/

Annie Fisher STEM Magnet School
Hartford Public Schools, CT
Grade(s): K-8
Theme(s): STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Principal: Joseph F. Kopf
URL: http://anniefisherstem.hartfordschools.org

Breakthrough Magnet School South Campus
Hartford Public Schools, CT
Grade(s): PK3-8
Theme(s): Character Education
Principal: Julie Goldstein
URL: www.breakthroughmagnetschool.org

Science and Technology Magnet
High School of Southeastern Connecticut
New London Public Schools, CT
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
Principal: Laurel TeXidor
URL: www.nlstmhs.org
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FLORIDA

Coral Gables Senior High School
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Principal: Adolfo Costa
URL: www.coralgablescavaliers.org

Law Enforcement Officers’ Memorial High School
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Law, Homeland Security & Law Enforcement, and Forensics
Principal: Christopher J. Shinn
URL: www.schoolofjustice.org

MAST Academy
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL
Grade(s): 8-12
Theme(s): Marine Theme, Cambridge Global Studies and Cambridge Stem
Principal: Josephine Otero
URL: www.gomako.org

Medical Academy for Science and Technology
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Biomedical, Pharmaceutical, Physical Therapy, iMed
Principal: Lisa S. Noffo
URL: http://mastmedical.org

Sunset Elementary
International Studies Magnet Program
Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL
Grade(s): PK-5
Theme(s): International Studies
Principal: Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal
URL: http://sunset.dadeschools.net

Howard Middle School Fine Arts Magnet
Orange County Public Schools, FL
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): Visual and Performing Arts
Principal: Paul Maldonado
URL: www.howard.ocps.net

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: Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Art
Principal: Ms. Maileen A. Ferrer
URL: http://perrineelementary.dadeschools.net

Douglas L. Jamerson, Jr. Elementary
Pinellas County Schools, FL
Grade(s): PK-5
Theme(s): Engineering & Mathematics
Principal: Kristy Moody
URL: http://www.pcsb.org/jamerson-es

Boys Preparatory Academy
Franklin Middle Magnet School
School District of Hillsborough County, FL
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): College Preparatory in a Single Gender Environment
Principal: John Haley
URL: http://franklin.mysdhc.org/

Lee Elementary Magnet School of World Studies and Technology
School District of Hillsborough County, FL
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): World Studies and Technology
Principal: Joyce Miles
URL: http://lee.mysdhc.org

Philip Shore Elementary Magnet School of the Arts
School District of Hillsborough County, FL
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): Visual, Performing, and Communication Arts
Principal: Jaime Gerding
URL: http://shore.mysdhc.org

The Collegiate Academy at Armwood High
School District of Hillsborough County, FL
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): The Collegiate Academy at Armwood High focuses on college readiness by creating the opportunity for all students to earn an Associate of Arts degree by the time they graduate high school.
Principal: Dr. Joseph Castelli
URL: http://www.ahscollegeacademy.com/
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**Millennium Middle School**
Seminole County Public Schools, FL
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): *Fine Arts and Communication*
Principal: Margaret Gunderson
URL: www.millennium.scps.k12.fl.us

**ILLINOIS**

**Booker T. Washington STEM Academy**
Champaign Community Schools Unit District #4, IL
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)*
Principal: Krista Finklea
URL: www.champaignschools.org/btw

**INDIANA**

**Center for Inquiry at School 2**
Indianapolis Public Schools, IN
Grade(s): K-8
Theme(s): *Inquiry-Based, International, International Baccalaureate*
Principal: Andrea Hunley
URL: www.myips.org/cfi2

**Dickinson Fine Arts Academy**
South Bend Community School Corporation, IN
Grade(s): 5-8
Theme(s): *Fine Arts STEAM*(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
Principal: Thomas E. Sims
URL: www.dickinsonacademy.com

**MARYLAND**

**Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School of Technology**
Baltimore County Public Schools, MD
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *Technology*
Principal: Darelene Morrison
URL: http://cromwellvalleys.bcps.org/

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Springfield Central High School**
Springfield Public Schools, MA
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): *STEM and Advanced Studies*
Principal: Dr. Thaddeus Tokarz
URL: www.springfieldcentral.com

**MINNESOTA**

**Champlin-Brooklyn Park Academy for Math and Environmental Science**
Anoka-Hennepin School District #11, MN
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): STEM
Principal: Brian Mann
URL: www.anoka.k12.mn.us/cbpa

**University Avenue Aerospace, Children’s Engineering, and Science**
Anoka-Hennepin School District #11, MN
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) based Aerospace*
Principal: Dr. Anissa Cravens
URL: http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us/Domain/30

**Cedar Park Elementary STEM School**
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *Science, Technology, Engineering and Math:STEM*
Principal: John Garcia
URL: www.district196.org/cp/

**Diamond Path Elementary School of International Studies**
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *International Studies*
Principal: Lynn Hernandez
URL: http://www.district196.org/dp/

**Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts & Science**
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *Arts & Science*
Principal: Scott A. Thomas
URL: http://www.district196.org/gh/index.cfm
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Garlough Environmental Magnet School
Independent School District 197, MN
Grade(s): K-4
Theme(s): Environmental
Principal: Sue Powell
URL: http://www.garlough.isd197.org/

Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School
Independent School District 197, MN
Grade(s): K-4
Theme(s): Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
Principal: Tom Benson
URL: http://www.pilotknob.isd197.org

Weaver Lake Elementary:
A Science, Math and Technology School
Osseo Area Schools ISD 279, MN
Grade(s): K-6
Theme(s): STEM
Principal: Dennis Palm
URL: http://schools.district279.org/wvr/

Ed W. Clark High School
TEACH Academy
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Teacher Education Academy
Principal: Jillyn Pendleton
URL: http://clarkchargers.org

Gilbert Magnet Elementary School
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 1-5
Theme(s): Communications and Creative Arts
Principal: Kelly Rafalski
URL: http://schools.ccsd.net/gilbert/home.htm

Hyde Park Middle School
Academy of Science and Mathematics
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): Pre-Advanced Placement Science and Math
Principal: Anna Belknap
URL: http://Hydeparkms.org

Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communication
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 1-5
Theme(s): Leadership and Global Communication through Technology
Principal: Kemala Washington
URL: www.jomackeymagnet.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

K.O. Knudson Middle School
The Academy of Creative Arts and Technology
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): Creative Arts and Technology (Band, Choir, Computer Graphic Design, Dance, Drama, Mariachi, Orchestra, Technical Theater, TV Production, Visual Arts)
Principal: Dr. Monica Cortez
URL: http://knudsonms.org

Rancho High School
Academy of Aviation
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Aviation: Engineering and Flight
Principal: Dr. James Kuzma
URL: http://ranchorams.org
Rancho High School
*Academy of Pre-Medicine*
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): *Medical: Pre-Medicine and Biotechnology*
Principal: Dr. James Kuzma
URL: http://ranchorams.org

Robert O. Gibson Middle School
*Leadership Academy*
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): *Leadership*
Principal: RoAnn Triana
URL: http://schools.ccsd.net/rgibson/

Roy Martin Middle School
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme*
Principal: Mary Hafner
URL: http://schools.ccsd.net/roymartin

Sandy Searles Miller Academy of International Studies
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 1-5
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*
Principal: Anne Grisham
URL: http://schools.ccsd.net/sandymiller/0304_12.html

Valley High School
*Academy of Hospitality and Tourism*
Clark County School District, NV
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): *Career readiness in Hospitality and Tourism*
Principal: Ramona Esparza
URL: www.valleyhs.vegas

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

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**NORTH CAROLINA**

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

E. E. Waddell Language Academy
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC
Grade(s): K-8
Theme(s): *World Languages*
Principal: Ynez Olshausen
URL: http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/waddellHS

East Mecklenburg High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*
Principal: Richard Parker
URL: http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/eastmecklenburgHS

Huntingtowne Farms Elementary
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): *International Baccalaureate*
Principal: Carolyn Rodd
URL: http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/huntingtownefarmsES

Idlewild Elementary School
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

J.M. Alexander Middle School
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
**Mallard Creek Elementary**  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): Learning Immersion/Talent Development  
Principal: Natalie Lowe  
URL: http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/mallardcreekES

**Randolph Middle School**  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme  
Principal: Brian Bambauer  
URL: http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/randolphMS

**Shamrock Gardens Elementary School**  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): Learning Immersion/Talent Development  
Principal: Sarah Reeves  
URL: http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/shamrockgardensES

**Lakewood Montessori Middle School**  
Durham Public Schools, NC  
Grade(s): 6-8  
Theme(s): Montessori  
Principal: Sheldon S. Reynolds  
URL: montessorimiddle.dpsnc.net

**Morehead Montessori Magnet Elementary School**  
Durham Public Schools, NC  
Grade(s): PK-5  
Theme(s): Montessori  
Principal: Dr. W. Renee Carmon  
URL: www.morehead.dpsnc.net

**Johnson Street Global Studies**  
Guilford County Public Schools, NC  
Grade(s): K-8  
Theme(s): Global Studies  
Principal: Trent Vernon  
URL: http://johnsonstreet.gcsnc.com/pages/Johnson_Street_Global_Studies

**A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary**  
Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): Leadership  
Principal: Muriel Summers  
URL: http://combses.wcpss.net/

**Brentwood Magnet Elementary School of Engineering**  
Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): Engineering  
Principal: Eric Fitts  
URL: http://brentwoodes.wcpss.net

**Douglas Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School**  
Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): PK-5  
Theme(s): Creative Arts and Science  
Principal: Derek Burns  
URL: www.douglas.wcpss.net

**Underwood Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School**  
Wake County Public School System, NC  
Grade(s): K-5  
Theme(s): Gifted and Talented  
Principal: Jacqueline Jordan  
URL: http://www.underwoodes.net/

**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: wendelles.wcpss.net

**RJ Reynolds Arts for Academics Magnet High School**  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public Schools, NC  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Theme(s): Arts for Academics Visual and Performing Arts  
Principal: Patrick Olsen  
URL: www.wsfc.k12.nc.us/reynolds
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SOUTH CAROLINA
Kelly Mill, INC.
Richland School District Two, SC
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): Honors Level Magnet Program with a focus on Business and Economics
Principal: Mark Sims
URL: https://www.richland2.org/kmm

TENNESSEE
White Station Middle School
Shelby County Schools, TN
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): Enriched Academics and College Preparatory
Principal: Shawn Page
URL: http://www.mcsk12.net/schools/whitestation.ms

TEXAS
Carter Academy for the Performing Arts
Aldine Independent School District, TX
Grade(s): K-4
Theme(s): Performing and Visual Arts
Principal: Lee Wold
URL: www.aldineisd.org/