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### Character.org Certifies 84 Schools and 7 School Districts 2020 National Schools of Character

Washington, D.C. (May 15, 2020) — [Character.org](http://Character.org), a national advocate and leader for character development in our schools and communities, today certified 84 schools and 7 districts in 15 states as National Schools of Character.

“We are pleased to announce and celebrate the schools and school districts who have earned this national recognition,” said Dr. Arthur Schwartz, President of Character.org. “Each of these schools and school districts has put in place a comprehensive approach to help their students understand, care about, and consistently practice the core values that will enable them to flourish in school, in relationships, in the workplace, and as citizens.”

Since its inception, the National Schools of Character program has impacted nearly 3 million students, staff, parents, and community members. The schools and school districts who apply must meet the rigorous standards articulated in Character.org’s *11 Principles Framework for Schools*. Each school is evaluated by a team of trained educators and includes a site visit to assess how a school’s “shared values” are motivating students to do the right thing.

“These schools and school districts serve as an exemplary model for all schools and districts across the nation,” adds Lori Soifer, who directs the Schools of Character program. “The educators at these schools are inspiring their students to treat all people with respect and dignity. They are teaching their students to be honest and trustworthy, to contribute their time and talents to the common good, and when necessary, to show the courage to stand up for what is right.”

Character.org will honor the 2020 National Schools of Character during its next National Forum. The complete list of the 2020 National Schools of Character is below. To learn more about the schools and school districts being certified today, please visit [www.character.org/schools-of-character](http://www.character.org/schools-of-character)

**About Character.org:** Founded in 1993, Character.org is a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. Our mission is to provide the voice, visibility, and resources for educators to build nurturing and supportive school cultures that focus on core values and character strengths vital to student and school success. Character.org is widely known for its *11 Principles*, a comprehensive framework developed by school leaders and character development researchers. During the past 20 years, more than 900 schools and school districts – after an independent and rigorous evaluation process – have been certified a National School of Character. The vision for Character.org is to expand our work to families, sports, and the workplace. Visit [www.character.org](http://www.character.org) to learn more.



## **2020 National Schools and Districts of Character**

\*\*Denotes District of Character

**Colombia School of Character** - Colegio Nueva Granada, Bogota

### **ALABAMA**

Hartselle Intermediate School, Hartselle

Huntington Place Elementary, Northport

Vestavia Hills Elementary at Cahaba Heights, Vestavia Hills

Walker Elementary School, Northport

### **ARIZONA**

Imagine Bell Canyon, Phoenix

imagine Coolidge Elementary, Coolidge

### **FLORIDA**

Imagine Kissimmee Charter Academy, Kissimmee

Imagine Schools at South Lake, Clermont

Orlando Science Schools Middle High, Orlando

### **GEORGIA**

Rocky Branch Elementary School, Bogart

### **ILLINOIS**

Forest Park Individual Education School, Joliet

### **KANSAS**

Complete High School Maize, Maize

### **MICHIGAN**

Birmingham Seaholm High School, Birmingham

Wass Elementary, Troy

Wattles Elementary, Troy

### **MISSOURI**

Bayless Junior High School, St. Louis

Brennan Woods Elementary, High Ridge

Brown Elementary School, Florissant

Cambridge Elementary, Belton

Cold Water Elementary, Florissant

Crestview Middle School, Ellisville

Highcroft Ridge Elementary, Parkway School District, Chesterfield

James E. Freer Elementary, Barnhart



Oak Brook Elementary School, Ballwin  
Oakville High School, St. Louis  
Parkway Central High School, Chesterfield  
Parkway West Middle, Chesterfield  
Selvidge Middle School, Ballwin  
Spoede Elementary School, Ladue School District, St. Louis  
\*\*Windsor C-1 School District, Imperial  
Windsor High School, Imperial  
Wren Hollow Elementary School, Manchester

## **MONTANA**

Loy Elementary, Great Falls

## **NEW JERSEY**

Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark  
Barclay Early Childhood Center, Cherry Hill  
Broad Street School, Bridgeton  
Camden County Technical School, Gloucester Campus, Sicklerville  
Camden County Technical School, Pennsauken Campus, Pennsauken  
Catherine A. Dwyer School, Wharton  
Central Jersey College Prep, Somerset  
Cherry Hill High School West, Cherry Hill  
Crescent Elementary School, Waldwick  
Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School, Dover  
\*\*Eastern Christian School Association, North Haledon  
Grice Middle School, Hamilton  
Hilldale Elementary School, Montville Township, Pine Brook  
Horace Mann Elementary School, Cherry Hill  
Jefferson School, Vauxhall  
John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, Elizabeth  
Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti, Elizabeth  
Kindergarten Success Academy, Roselle  
\*\*Lawrence Township Public Schools, Lawrenceville  
M. Scott Carpenter Elementary School, Old Bridge  
Macopin Middle School, West Milford  
Marcus W. Newcomb Middle School, Pemberton  
Memorial Elementary School, Old Bridge Township Public Schools, Laurence Harbor  
Old Bridge High School, Matawan  
\*\*Old Bridge Township Public Schools, Matawan  
Oxford Central School, Oxford  
Pemberton Township High School, Pemberton  
Saint Leo the Great School, Lincroft  
  
Southwood Elementary School, Old Bridge



Thomas Paine Elementary School, Cherry Hill  
Valley View School, Montville  
Walter M. Schirra Elementary School, Old Bridge  
\*\*West Milford Township Public Schools, West Milford  
William A. Miller Elementary School, Old Bridge  
William F. Halloran School No. 22, Elizabeth

## **NEW YORK**

Harvey Austin Elementary School, Buffalo  
Jonas E. Salk Middle School, Levittown Public Schools, Levittown  
Mildred E. Strang Middle School, Yorktown Heights

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

Southwest Elementary School, High Point

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

Afton Elementary School Pennsbury School District, Yardley  
Bucks County Technical High School, Fairless Hills  
Edgewood Elementary School, Pennsbury School District, Yardley  
Fallsington Elementary School, Pennsbury School District, Fallsington, PA 19058  
M.M. Seylar Elementary School, Perkasie  
Oxford Valley Elementary School, Fairless Hills  
\*\*Pennsbury School District, Fallsington  
Pennwood Middle School, Yardley  
Quarry Hill Elementary School, Pennsbury School District, Yardley  
William Penn Middle School, Pennsbury School District, Yardley

## **TEXAS**

Clear Brook High School, Friendswood  
Fort Settlement Middle School, Sugar Land  
Harmony School of Innovation, Fort Worth, Fort Worth  
Harmony School of Innovation, Houston, Houston  
Mambrino STEAM Academy, Granbury  
School of Science and Technology, Alamo, San Antonio  
Woodridge Elementary, Alamo Heights ISD, San Antonio  
Zwink Elementary, Klein ISD, Klein

## **VIRGINIA**

\*\*Imagine Schools, Vienna