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### **CHARACTER.ORG CERTIFIES 67 STATE SCHOOLS AND 2 DISTRICTS OF CHARACTER**

Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character, today designated 67 schools and 2 districts as State Schools of Character for 2022. Since its inception, Character.org's Schools of Character program has positively impacted nearly three million students, staff, parents, and other community members. Each year, Character.org certifies schools and districts at the state level that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development which has a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate. Schools and districts announced today will be considered for Character.org's highest distinction - National School of Character. (See the complete list of 2022 State Schools of Character below.)

"We are excited to announce today the 2022 State Schools and Districts of Character," said Dr. Arthur Schwartz, Character.org's President. "Each of these schools and districts have put into place a comprehensive initiative that equips and empowers their staff to reinforce and model a range of positive core values that will shape and form the hearts, minds, and choices of their students."

To learn more about the schools chosen today and those in the midst of their 5-year certification as State Schools of Character, please visit [Character.org](https://www.character.org). Criteria for selection are based on Character.org's [11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character](#) which includes providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership, and engaging families

and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

The 2022 National Schools of Character will be announced in May 2022 and honored at our International Forum next fall. Learn more about the [International Forum](#) on our website.

**ABOUT CHARACTER.ORG:** Character.org is a worldwide network that empowers people of all ages to practice and model the ethical core values that shape our hearts, minds and choices. Formerly known as the Character Education Partnership, the organization has relentlessly advocated for character since 1993. Today, Character.org creates and shares resources that support people around the globe, including the *11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character*. The organization's vision is to be the global leader and voice for developing character in families, schools, and organizations.

For more information, visit [Character.org](#) and follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

### **List of 2022 State Schools and Districts of Character**

\*denotes District of Character

#### **Alabama:**

Cornerstone Schools of Alabama High School  
Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Elementary  
Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Middle  
Vestavia Hills Elementary East  
Westlawn Middle School

#### **Arizona:**

Imagine Prep at Surprise

#### **Colorado:**

Firestone Charter Academy

#### **Florida:**

Imagine Schools Chancellor Campus  
Richard Cimino Elementary School

#### **Georgia:**

Fulton Science Academy Private School

#### **Kansas:**

McClure Elementary School  
USD 273 Beloit Elementary School

**Michigan:**

Costello Elementary School  
James R. Geisler Middle School  
Village Oaks Elementary School

**Missouri:**

Carman Trails Elementary School  
Classical Junior Academy  
Claymont Elementary  
Fairway Elementary School  
Green Trails Elementary  
Kehrs Mill Elementary  
Mason Ridge Elementary School  
Northeast Middle School  
Northview High School  
Nottingham Community Access and Job Training High School  
Orchard Farm Early Learning Center  
\*\*Parkway School District  
Parkway Southwest Middle School  
Woerner Elementary

**New Jersey:**

A. Russell Knight Elementary  
Burlington County Alternative School  
Campbell Elementary School  
Cinnaminson Middle School  
E.J.F. Aldene Elementary School  
Harrison Elementary School  
John A. Carusi Middle School  
Maple Road School  
McGalliard Elementary School  
Millstone Middle School  
Morgan Elementary School  
North Plainfield High School  
Red Bank Charter School  
Somerset Intermediate School  
Upper Greenwood Lake Elementary School  
Washington Elementary School

**New York:**

Brookside Elementary School  
Queensbury High School

West Patent Elementary School

**North Carolina:**

Person Early College for Innovation and Leadership  
Sumner Elementary School

**Oklahoma:**

Dove Science Academy High School OKC  
Dove Science Elementary School OKC  
Tony Goetz Elementary School

**Pennsylvania**

Pen Argyl High School

**Texas:**

Clear Lake City Elementary School  
Clear Lake High School  
Harmony School of Advancement - Houston  
Harmony School of Excellence - Houston  
Harmony School of Innovation - Sugar Land  
Harmony Science Academy - Dallas Middle  
John F. Ward Elementary School  
Kaiser Elementary  
Lakeside Elementary School  
Sandra Mossman Elementary  
\*\*School of Science and Technology Discovery District  
Wedgewood Elementary

**Washington:**

Clara Barton Elementary  
Ella Baker Elementary School

**Wisconsin:**

Greenwood Elementary School