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## **CHARACTER.ORG RECOGNIZES 98 STATE-LEVEL SCHOOLS OF CHARACTER AND 5 DISTRICTS OF CHARACTER**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 4, 2025) -- Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character, today designated 98 state-level Schools of Character, 5 Districts of Character, and 8 International Schools of Character (See below for the complete list of 2025 State Schools of Character.)

Character.org certifies schools and districts each year at the state level that have developed and implemented an intentional, proactive, and comprehensive approach that embeds character into all aspects of the school life. Schools and districts announced today will be considered for our National School of Character distinction, the highest honor a school or district can receive from Character.org.

Since its inception, Character.org's Schools of Character program has positively impacted over three million students, staff, parents, and other community members.

"We are excited to announce today the 2025 State Schools and Districts of Character," said Dr. Arthur Schwartz, Character.org's President. "Each of these schools and districts have put into place an 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, please visit [Character.org](https://character.org).

Criteria for selection are based on Character.org's *11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character*. The Framework includes key indicators on creating a caring school community where everyone feels they belong, providing students with opportunities to practice and reflect on their character strengths, and engaging families and communities as partners in the school's character initiative.

**ABOUT CHARACTER.ORG:** Character.org is a worldwide network of educators, researchers, and civic leaders that empowers people of all ages to practice and model the character strengths and core values that shape the hearts, minds and choices of every person. Founded in 1993 and formerly known as the Character Education Partnership, Character.org is widely known for our *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](https://character.org), subscribe to our free weekly [newsletter](#), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

## **List of 2025 State Schools and Districts of Character**

\*\*denotes District of Character

### **Alabama:**

Brock's Gap Intermediate School  
Central Elementary School-AL  
Central Freshman Academy  
Hartselle Intermediate School  
Huntington Place Elementary  
Louis Pizitz Middle School  
Meadowlane Elementary School  
N.E. Miles Jewish Day School  
Northridge Middle School  
Rock Quarry Elementary  
Vestavia Hills Elementary at Cahaba Heights  
Vestavia Hills Elementary Dolly Ridge

### **Arkansas:**

LISA Academy North High

### **Florida:**

Orlando Science Middle School  
Bevis Elementary School  
Imagine South Lake Charter School  
Imagine Kissimmee Charter Academy

Orlando Science High School  
\*\*River City Science Academy  
River City Science Academy Intracoastal K-8

**Georgia:**

Rocky Branch Elementary School

**Illinois:**

Forest Park Individual Education School

**Michigan:**

Birmingham Seaholm High School  
Hamilton Elementary School  
Smith Middle School  
Tobey Elementary School  
Troy High School  
Wass Elementary School  
West Maple Elementary

**Minnesota:**

Woodbury Middle School

**Missouri:**

Babler Elementary  
Bayless Junior High  
Crestview Middle School  
EPiC Elementary  
Hanna Woods Elementary School  
Long Elementary School  
Nike Elementary School  
Nipher Middle School  
Oak Brook Elementary School  
Oakville High School  
Reed Elementary School  
Ridge Meadows Elementary  
Riverbend Middle School  
Robertsville Elementary  
Ross Elementary School  
Selvidge Middle School

**New Jersey:**

Apshawa Elementary School  
Camden County Technical Schools - Gloucester Township Campus  
Camden County Technical Schools-Pennsauken Campus  
Central Elementary School-NJ  
\*\*Eastern Christian School Association  
Frank J. Smith School  
J. Harvey Rodgers School  
Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti, School # 28  
Macopin Middle School  
Marcus W. Newcomb Middle School  
Mary E. Volz School  
Memorial Elementary School  
Old Bridge High School  
\*\*Old Bridge Township Public Schools  
Pemberton Township High School  
\*\*Roxbury Public Schools  
Sayen Elementary School  
Southwood Elementary School  
Victor Mravlag School No. 21  
Walter M. Schirra Elementary School  
William A. Miller Elementary School  
William F. Halloran School 22

**New Mexico:**

Albuquerque School of Excellence

**New York:**

Bridgeport Elementary School  
Brilla College Prep Elementary  
Brilla College Prep Middle  
Eastplain Elementary School  
Jonas E.Salk Middle School  
Plainedge High School

**North Carolina:**

North Shelby School  
Patriots STEM Elementary School

**Oklahoma:**

Dove Science Academy Tulsa

**Tennessee:**

Memphis School of Excellence Cordova Secondary

**Texas:**

Clear Brook High School

Fort Settlement Middle School

\*\*Harmony Public Schools-North Texas Secondary District

Harmony School of Innovation-Austin

Harmony School of Innovation-El Paso Middle/High

Harmony School of Innovation-Grand Prairie

Harmony School of Innovation-Houston

Harmony School of Innovation-Laredo

Harmony Science Academy-Austin

Harmony Science Academy-Beaumont Middle High

Harmony Science Academy-Bryan

Harmony Science Academy-Euless

Harmony Science Academy-Katy Elementary

Harmony Science Academy-Katy Middle (4-7)

Harmony Science Academy-Laredo

Harmony Science Academy-San Antonio

Harmony Science Academy-Sugar Land

Horizon Leadership Academy

Klein Forest High School

School of Science and Technology Alamo

School of Science and Technology Champions

School of Science and Technology The Woodlands

Southside Elementary School

Woodridge Elementary School

**International:**

Colegio Nueva Granada, Bogota

International School of Bucharest

Seitek Primary School, Bishkek

Stonyhurst Southville International School-Malarayat Campus, Lipa City

Școala Gimnazială Internațională Spectrum Ploiești

Scoala Primara Spectrum, Bucuresti/Spectrum Primary School, Bucharest

The International Computer High School Constanta  
United World International School Central Campus, Bishkek