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Character.org Certifies 71 Schools and 3 Districts as 2025 National Schools and Districts of Character

Washington, D.C. (May 22, 2025) — [Character.org](https://character.org), a national advocate and leader for character development in schools and communities, today certified 71 schools and 3 school districts as National Schools and Districts of Character.

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

Since its inception, the National Schools of Character program has impacted over three million students, staff, parents, and community members. The schools and districts that apply must meet the rigorous standards articulated in [Character.org's](https://character.org) *11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character*. Each school is assessed by a team of trained evaluators.

“There is an ethic of care at these schools,” adds Lori Soifer, who directs the Schools of Character program. “Working together with students, parents and community members, these schools are creating stronger communities focused on character.”

The complete list of the 2025 National Schools and Districts of Character is attached to this release. Learn more about the schools and districts being certified today on our website www.character.org.

About Character.org: Founded in 1993, Character.org empowers people of all ages to practice and model core values that shape our hearts, minds, and choices. Since 1993, Character.org has inspired, recognized, and celebrated thousands of people in schools, organizations, workplaces, communities and families across the world. Character.org is widely known for its *11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character*, a comprehensive framework developed by school leaders and character education researchers. During the past 20 years, more than 1,200 schools have been recognized by Character.org as a National School of Character.

List of 2025 National Schools and Districts of Character

** denotes District of Character

Alabama:

Brock's Gap Intermediate School, Hoover
Central Elementary School-AL, Tuscaloosa
Central Freshman Academy, Phenix City
Hartselle Intermediate School, Hartselle
Huntington Place Elementary, Northport
Louis Pizitz Middle School, Vestavia Hills
Northridge Middle School, Tuscaloosa
Vestavia Hills Elementary at Cahaba Heights
Vestavia Hills Elementary Dolly Ridge

Florida:

Imagine Kissimmee Charter Academy, Kissimmee
Imagine South Lake Charter School, Clermont

Illinois:

Forest Park Individual Education School, Joilet

Michigan:

Wass Elementary School, Troy
West Maple Elementary, Bloomfield Township

Minnesota:

Woodbury Middle School, Woodbury

Missouri:

Babler Elementary, Wildwood
Chesterfield Elementary, Chesterfield
Eureka Elementary School, Eureka
Long Elementary School, St. Louis
Nike Elementary School, Catawissa
Oak Brook Elementary School, Ballwin
Oakville High School, St. Louis
Reed Elementary School, St. Louis

Riverbend Middle School, Pacific
Ross Elementary School, St. Louis
Selvidge Middle School, Ballwin
Washington Middle School, Washington
Zitzman Elementary School, Pacific

New Jersey:

Apshawa Elementary School, West Milford
Dover Middle School, Dover
**Eastern Christian School Association, North Haledon
Frank J. Smith School, East Hanover
J. Harvey Rodgers School, Glassboro
Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti, School # 28, Elizabeth
Macopin Middle School, West Milford
Marcus W. Newcomb Middle School, Pemberton
Memorial Elementary School, Old Bridge
Old Bridge High School, Old Bridge
**Old Bridge Township Public Schools, Old Bridge
Pemberton Township High School, Pemberton
**Roxbury Public Schools, Roxbury
Sayen Elementary School, Hamilton
Southwood Elementary School, Old Bridge
Valleyview Middle School, Denville
Walter M. Schirra Elementary School, Old Bridge
William A. Miller Elementary School, Old Bridge
William F. Halloran School 22, Elizabeth

New York:

Bridgeport Elementary School, Bridgeport
Plainedge High School, Massapequa

North Carolina:

North Shelby School, Shelby

Oklahoma:

DOVE School of Discovery Tulsa
Dove Science Academy Middle School Oklahoma City
Dove Science Academy Tulsa

Pennsylvania:

Pen Argyl High School, Pen Argyl

Texas:

Clear Brook High School, Friendswood
Fort Settlement Middle School, Sugar Land
Harmony School of Excellence-Sugar Land Elementary School
Harmony School of Exploration-Houston
Harmony School of Innovation-Austin
Harmony School of Innovation-El Paso Elementary
Harmony School of Innovation-El Paso Middle/High
Harmony School of Innovation-Laredo
Harmony School of Science-El Paso-Middle High
Harmony Science Academy-Carrollton
Harmony Science Academy-Dallas High
Harmony Science Academy-Katy Elementary
Harmony Science Academy-Plano
Harmony Science Academy-Waco
School of Science and Technology Alamo, San Antonio
School of Science and Technology Champions, Houston
School of Science and Technology The Woodlands, Tomball
Southside Elementary School, Angleton
Woodridge Elementary School, San Antonio

International:

Colegio Nueva Granada, Bogota