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

Washington, D.C. (May 15, 2020) — 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

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 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
**Pensbury 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