

Character.org Certifies 87 State Schools and 3 Districts of Character

Washington, D.C. (January 28, 2019) — Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character in communities including schools, districts, families, workplaces and sports, today designated 87 schools and 3 districts in 18 states as State [Schools of Character](#) for 2019. Since Character.org's School of Character program inception, the process has affected nearly 3 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. There are also 16 schools that are former State Schools of Character applying for the national certification and 23 schools and districts recertifying as National Schools of Character. (See the complete list of 2019 State Schools of Character below.)

"We are pleased to announce the 2019 State Schools and Districts of Character today," said Doug Karr, Character.org's President & CEO. "These schools' representatives, including educators, parents and students, are working together to create stronger communities focused on character. We are honored to validate their efforts and continue coaching them along their journeys. "

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's website](#). Criteria for selection are based on Character.org's [11 Principles of Character](#), which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

"Implementing the *11 Principles of Effective Character* has provided a clear, intentional and structured roadmap for promoting the highest ethical standards at Harmony Public Schools. Character is one of the most important attributes we can teach our students, because good character will serve them throughout their lives--in their homes, in their schools, in their families and in their communities," said Umit Alpaslan, Harmony Public Schools Deputy Superintendent.

The 2019 National Schools of Character will be announced in May 2019. Character.org will honor these schools and districts at the [2019 National Forum](#) to be held Oct 24-27, 2019 in Washington, DC.

About Character.org: Founded in 1993, Character.org is a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. It works with communities including organizations,

schools, families, workplaces and sports to inspire, educate and empower people to be ethical and compassionate citizens. Character.org is a membership organization dedicated to growth and success through the advancement of quality character development in schools and communities through our inspiring, empowering and certifying programs and resources. Visit www.character.org to learn more.

2019 State Schools and Districts of Character

California

Coastal Academy

Connecticut

Tracey Elementary School

District of Columbia

Hope Community Public Charter School-Lamond Campus

Florida

*Apollo Beach Elementary

Imagine School at North Port

*Imagine School at Town Center

Imagine Schools at West Melbourne

Imagine South Vero

Seminole Science Charter School

Illinois

Emge Jr. High School

Harmony Intermediate Center

Kansas

Anthony Elementary

David Brewer Elementary School

Kentucky

Kenwood Elementary

Maryland

Pocomoke High School

Michigan

*Harlan Elementary

Hart Middle School

Wass Elementary School

Minnesota

*Community of Peace Academy

Missouri

State Districts of Character

Ladue School District

*Lindbergh School District

*Mehlville School District

State Schools of Character

*Blevins Elementary

Brennan Woods Elementary

Cambridge Elementary School

Hanna Woods Elementary School

Hillcrest STEAM Academy

*Hiram Neuwoehner High School

Ladue Early Childhood Center

*Ladue Middle School

Lafayette High School

*Lindbergh High School

Maple Grove Elementary

*McKelvey Elementary

Parkway Central High School

Parkway West Middle School

*Sperreng Middle School

Truman Middle School

Nebraska

*Longfellow Elementary School

New Jersey

Arthur L. Johnson High School

Barclay Early Childhood Center

*Cheesequake Elementary School

Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29

Frances C. Smith ECC School No. 50

Greenwood Elementary School

*Henry C. Beck Middle School

Isaiah Haines Elementary School

*James A. McDivitt Elementary School

James F. Cooper Elementary School

James H. Johnson Elementary School
Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology and the Arts School No. 9
Kingston Elementary School
Lakeview School
Langtree Elementary School
Marshall Hill School
*Pauline J. Petway Elementary
Perth Amboy High School
Pinelands Regional Junior High School
*Raymond E. Voorhees Elementary School
Signal Hill Elementary School
Stony Brook School, North Plainfield
Stony Brook School, Rockaway Township
Valley Middle School
William Mason Elementary School
Woodcrest Elementary School

New York

Crompond Elementary School
Meadow Elementary School
Smallwood Drive Elementary School
*Smith Street School

Ohio

*Centerville Primary Village North
Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts

Oklahoma

Roosevelt Elementary
*Sadler Arts Academy

Pennsylvania

*Charles Boehm Middle School
Chestnutwold Elementary School

Texas

Acton Elementary
Cambridge Elementary School
GH Whitcomb Elementary
Harmony School of Innovation Fort Worth
Henry Bauerschlag Elementary
Howard Early Childhood Center
Klein High School

LaVace Stewart Elementary
Margaret S McWhirter Elementary
Oak Woods School
Ross Elementary

School of Science and Technology Advancement
School of Science and Technology Corpus Christi

*Southside Elementary School
Weber Elementary School

***Denotes a re-certifying National School of Character.**