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ARIZONA

Tucson Unified School District

Carrillo K-5 Communication and Creative Arts Magnet

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Communication and Creative Arts

URL: <https://carrilloes.tusd1.org/>

Mansfeld STEM Plus Middle Magnet School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Science, Technology, Engineering, Math +

URL: <https://mansfeldms.tusd1.org/>

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Unified School District

Chatsworth Park Urban Planning and Community Development Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Urban Planning and Community Development

URL: <https://chatsworth-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/>

Ulysses S. Grant High School College Preparatory and Digital Arts Magnet

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): College Preparatory and Digital Arts

URL: grantmagnet.net

Hollywood High School New Media Academy Magnet

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Communication Arts - Television Film

Production and Animation Pathways

URL: <https://www.hollywoodhighschool.net/>

John Burroughs Middle School - Gifted Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Gifted Magnet

URL: <https://www.burroughsms.org/>

Kennedy HS Gifted/Highly Gifted/High Achieving Medical Magnet

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Gifted/Medical

URL: www.jfkcougars.org

Lomita STEAM Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): STEAM

URL: <https://lomitams.enschool.org/>

Mayall Academy of Arts and Technology Magnet

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Arts and Technology

URL: <https://mayallstes-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/>

North Hollywood High School Zoo Magnet

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Zoology / Biological Science

URL: zoomagnet.org

Verdugo Hills High School - VAPA Magnet

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Visual and Performing Arts

URL: <https://www.verdugohs.org/>

FLORIDA

Broward County Public Schools

Bair Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): MONTESSORI

URL: <https://www.browardschools.com/bair>

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Fort Lauderdale High School Cambridge International Education Magnet Programme
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Cambridge International Education
URL: <https://www.browardschools.com/fortlauderdale>

Margate STEM Magnet Middle School
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): Growing STEM
URL: <https://www.browardschools.com/margate>

New River Middle School - iCAN (Integrated Career & Academic Networks) Magnet Program
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): iCAN (Integrated Career & Academic Networks)
URL: <https://www.browardschools.com/newriver>

Pompano Beach High School
International Affairs with Information Technology
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): International Affairs with Information Technology
URL: <https://www.browardschools.com/pompanobeachhigh>

Duval County Public Schools

Paxon School for Advanced Studies
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): College Preparatory
URL: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/psas>

Marion County Public Schools

Belleview High School
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Cambridge AICE
URL: <https://www.marionschools.net/bhs>

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Ben Sheppard Elementary STEM Magnet
Grade(s): K-5
Theme(s): Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
URL: bensheppardelementary.org

BioTECH @ Richmond Heights 9-12
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Conservation Biology
URL: www.biotechhighschool.net

Center for International Education: A Cambridge Associate School
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): Cambridge International - College Preparatory
URL: www.ciec.cambridge.net

Cutler Bay Senior High School COAST Academy
Grade(s): 9-12
Theme(s): COAST (Cutler Bay Ocean Academy of Science and Technology)
URL: <https://cutlerbayhigh.org/>

G.W. Carver Middle School of International Education
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): International Education/International Studies
URL: www.gwcmiddleschool.net

Hammocks Middle School Academy of Legal Studies
Grade(s): 6-8
Theme(s): Pre-law
URL: <http://hammocksmiddleschool.org>

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Howard D. McMillan Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Cambridge Robotics Engineering and Medical Health Sciences Magnet

URL: <http://hdmcmillan.org>

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

URL: www.lamarlouisecurry.net

International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): International Studies and International Education

URL: <https://internationalstudiesprep.net/>

Jorge Mas Canosa Middle School

Cambridge International Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Our Cambridge Magnet theme is Liberal Arts

URL: <https://jmc.dadeschools.net>

MAST Academy

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): Cambridge International, Maritime & Science Technology, Cambridge International - STEM, Cambridge International – Global Studies

URL: www.gomakos.org

MAST@FIU, Biscayne Bay Campus

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Marine and Environmental Science (STEM)

URL: <https://mastfiu.org/>

Medical Academy for Science and Technology (MAST@Homestead)

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Biomedical, iMed, Pharmaceutical, Physical Therapy

URL: www.MASTMedical.org

Miami Norland Senior High School

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): College and Careers Pathways

URL: <https://miaminorlandshs.org/>

Miami Springs Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Coding and Animation

URL: miamispringsmiddle.net

New World School of the Arts

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Its dual-enrollment programs in the visual and performing arts are organized into four strands: visual arts, dance, theatre, and music

URL: <https://nwsa.mdc.edu/>

North Hialeah Elementary Environmental STEM Magnet

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Environmental Science

URL: www.nheschool.org

North Dade Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): IB-MYP

URL: <https://northdadems.net>

Ponce de Leon Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

URL: <https://poncedeleonmiddle.net>

Redland Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Agriculture and Robotics

URL: <https://redlandmiddleschool.org/>

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Rockway Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Engineering and Robotics

URL: <https://www.rockwaymiddleschool.org/>

Shenandoah Middle School Museums Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Museums Magnet

URL: <https://shenandoahmiddle.com/>

South Miami Middle Community School Center for the Arts

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Visual and Performing Arts

URL: <https://southmiamimiddle.org>

Southwest Miami High School

Academy of Banking and Finance Magnet Program

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Banking and Finance

URL: <https://southwestmiamieagles.net/>

W.R. Thomas Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Cambridge Magnet Program

URL: <https://www.wrthomasmiddle.net/>

Young Women's Preparatory Academy

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): Leadership

URL: www.ywpafl.org

Orange County Public Schools

Dr. Phillips High School - Center for International Studies Magnet

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Center for International Studies

URL: <https://drphillipshs.ocps.net>

Pinellas County Schools

Gulfport Montessori Elementary

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Montessori

URL: <https://www.pcsb.org/gulfport-es>

Tarpon Springs High School

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy, Veterinary Science Academy, Leadership Conservatory for the Arts and Cambridge AICE

URL: <https://www.pcsb.org/tarpon-hs>

Seminole County Public Schools

Millennium Middle School

Fine Arts and Communication Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Fine Arts, Communication, and Pre-IB

URL: <https://millennium.scps.k12.fl.us/>

Milwee Middle School Pre-Engineering Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Pre-Engineering

URL: <https://milwee.scps.k12.fl.us/>

South Seminole Academy of Leadership, Law & Advanced Studies

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Leadership, Law & Advanced Studies

URL: <http://ssa.scps.k12.fl.us>

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GEORGIA

Clayton County Public Schools

Elite Scholars Academy

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): Early College & Cambridge Assessment
International Education

URL: <https://099.clayton.k12.ga.us/>

Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): High School Preparatory and College/Career
Readiness

URL: www.sherwoodmiddlemagnet.org

Westdale Heights Academic Magnet

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Theme: Academics---Magnet Focus:
Environmental Science, Mathematics, Technology

URL: www.westdaleheights.com

KANSAS

USD 259 - Wichita Public Schools

Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Culture and Fine Arts

URL: <https://www.usd259.org/mayberry>

MARYLAND

Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Old Mill Middle South

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): STEM Values

URL: <https://www.aacps.org/Page/3897>

LOUISIANA

East Baton Rouge Parish School System

Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Visual and Performing Arts

URL: BRCVPA.com

Baltimore County Public Schools

Cromwell Valley Elementary Magnet School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): STEAM

URL: <https://cromwellvalleyes.bcps.org/>

Baton Rouge Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet (FLAIM)

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Foreign Language Immersion

URL: brflaim.org

MINNESOTA

Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11

Anoka Middle School for the Arts

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Arts

URL: ahschools.us/amsa

McKinley Middle Academic Magnet School of Visual & Performing Arts

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Academic, Visual and Performing Arts Magnet

URL: www.mckinleymiddlemagnet.com

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University Avenue Aerospace, Children's Engineering and Science Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Aerospace, Children's Engineering, Science, Leadership

URL: www.ahschools.us/university

Independent School District 728

Salk Middle School Pre-Engineering STEM Magnet

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Pre-Engineering STEM

URL: <https://www.isd728.org/salk>

Osseo Area Schools

Independent School District 279

Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)

URL: <https://wvr.district279.org/>

Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan

Independent School District 196

Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts & Science

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Arts and Science

URL: gh.district196.org

NEVADA

Clark County School District

Del Sol Academy of The Performing Arts

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Performing and Visual Arts

URL: www.delsolacademy.org

Desert Pines High School

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Making An Impact

URL: desertpineshs.org

Rancho High School

Academy of Pre-Medicine

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): Pre-Medical

URL: ranchorams.org

Roger D. Gehring Academy of Science and Technology

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Science and Technology

URL: <https://www.gehringes.com/>

Sheila Tarr Academy of International Studies

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): International Baccalaureate

URL: sheilatarr.org

The STEAM Academy @ Cashman Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

URL: cashmanms.org

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NEW YORK

NYC Community School District 21

PS90, The Magnet School for Environmental Studies and Community Wellness

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Environmental Studies & Community Wellness

URL: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/K090>

Piedmont Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): International Baccalaureate

URL: <https://www.cmsk12.org/piedmontMS>

NYC Community School District 218

PS 55Q, The Maure Magnet School of Communication Arts, Technology, and Multimedia

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Communication Arts, Technology and Multimedia

URL: <https://www.ps55q.com/>

Durham Public Schools

Lakewood Montessori Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Montessori

URL:

<https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/75#calendar13931/20221011/month>

NORTH CAROLINA

Cabarrus County Schools

Weddington Hills Elementary IB World School

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

URL: <https://www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us/weddingtonhills>

Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College

Grade(s): 11-12

Theme(s): Advancement & Acceleration: We seek to expand learning opportunities for highly motivated students to earn a high school diploma while simultaneously acquiring college credit towards an associate degree, four year college, or a skilled trade certification. Every student must take community college courses each semester. All high school courses are taught at the honors level except those for which the state does not allow an honors option.

URL: www.mchs.dpsnc.net

The School for Creative Studies

Grade(s): 6-12

Theme(s): Creative Studies and Habits of Mind

URL: scs.dpsnc.net

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

McClintock Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM)

URL: <https://www.cmsk12.org/mcclintockMS>

Wake County Public School System

Carroll Leadership In Technology Magnet Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8

Theme(s): Leadership In Technology

URL: www.wcpss.net/carrollms

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Conn Magnet Elementary School of Entrepreneurial Design

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Entrepreneurial Design
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/connes>

Farmington Woods International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/farmingtonwoods>

Green Leadership and World Languages Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Leadership and World Languages
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/greenes>

Hunter Gifted and Talented /AIG Basics Magnet Elementary

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Gifted and Talented/Academically Intellectually Gifted Basics
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/hunteres>

Kingswood Montessori STEM Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Montessori STEM
 URL: <http://wcpss.net/kingswoodes>

Ligon Gifted & Talented/ AIG Basics Magnet Middle School

Grade(s): 6-8
 Theme(s): Gifted & Talented/AIG Basics
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/ligonms>

Lincoln Heights Environmental Connections Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Environmental Connections
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/lincolnheightses>

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Poe Gifted & Talented/AIG Basics Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Gifted & Talented/Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Basics
 URL: <http://poees.wcpss.net/>

Stough Mandarin Immersion Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Language Immersion
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/stoughes>

Washington Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Gifted and Talented
 URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/washingt>

SOUTH CAROLINA

Richland School District Two

Medical, Engineering, and Discovery through Arts (MED) at Bridge Creek Elementary

Grade(s): K-5
 Theme(s): Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, Medical (STEAM-M)
 URL: <https://www.richland2.org/bce>

Spring Valley High School/Discovery and Explorations

Grade(s): 9-12
 Theme(s): Discovery-Science and Math/Research; Explorations-Science and Math/Forensic Science
 URL: <https://sites.google.com/richland2.org/svmagnets/>

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School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties

Nursery Road Elementary School - Arts Magnet

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): Media, Visual, and Performing Arts and Arts

Integration

URL: <https://www.lexrich5.org/nres>

TEXAS

Aldine Independent School District

Nadine Kujawa Education Center

Grade(s): K-5

Theme(s): International Baccalaureate

URL: <https://kujawaes.aldineisd.org/>

Dallas Independent School District

Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet

Grade(s): 9-12

Theme(s): College Preparatory and Career Exploration

URL: www.dallasisd.org/lawmagnet