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CCSD earns 27 awards from Magnet Schools of America

Eight schools selected for Schools of Excellence award

LAS VEGAS – The excellence of the Clark County School District (CCSD) Magnet School program has once again been recognized by Magnet Schools of America (MSA).

In making its annual announcement of outstanding Magnet schools, MSA selected 27 CCSD schools as Merit recipients for 2018-19. Eight CCSD Magnet Schools were awarded Schools of Excellence designation and 19 schools were awarded Schools of Distinction designation.

“I am very pleased to hear that so many of our Magnet School programs have again been recognized for their outstanding work, which means they are among the best in the nation,” said CCSD Superintendent Dr. Jesus F. Jara. “Magnet Schools are a critical part of the District as they offer the best choice in Clark County with high-quality instruction that has proven to prepare students for college and career. As we move forward, we must work to improve access to these impactful programs so that more students have these opportunities. Thank you to the staff, students and community partners who make these schools so successful.”

The following schools earned the 2018-19 MSA Magnet School of Excellence Award, which is the top merit award category given to a select group of Magnet Schools across the nation that have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in all facets of the merit award application:

- Walter Bracken STEAM Academy
- Del Sol Academy of the Performing Arts
- Robert O. Gibson Leadership Academy
- Mabel W. Hoggard Math and Science Magnet School
- Hyde Park Academy of Science and Mathematics
- Roy W. Martin Middle School
- Northwest Career and Technical Academy
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Schools of Excellence are eligible to receive monetary awards and are eligible to be named the nation's top Elementary, Secondary, or New and Emerging Magnet School. One of the Schools of Excellence will also be selected to win \$5,000 and the Dr. Ronald P. Simpson Distinguished Merit Award, which is considered the most prestigious Magnet School award in the nation.

The following schools earned the 2018-19 Magnet School of Distinction Award, which is the second-highest level of awards given to Magnet Schools that have met all the basic requirements outlined in MSA's merit awards scoring rubric:

- The STEAM Academy at Jim Bridger Middle School
- Canyon Springs High School and Leadership & Law Preparatory Academy
- James Cashman Middle School
- Ed W. Clark High School
- Desert Pines High School Academy of Communications & Information Technology
- Desert Pines High School Academy of Hospitality
- C.V.T. Gilbert Academy of Creative Arts
- Walter Johnson Junior High School Academy of International Studies
- K.O. Knudson Middle School Academy of Creative Arts & Technology
- Las Vegas Academy of the Arts
- Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communications
- Gordon M. McCaw STEM Academy
- Rancho High School Academy of Aviation Science and Technology
- Rancho High School Academy of Pre-Medicine
- Southeast Career and Technical Academy
- Valley High School Academy of Hospitality and Tourism
- Valley High School International Baccalaureate
- Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy
- Thurman White Academy of the Performing Arts

“CCSD Magnet Schools are successful because they offer children of various socio-economic backgrounds, race and academic achievement levels, programs that allow them to discover their talents and abilities in an innovative learning environment,” said Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies Director Gia Moore. “This would not be possible without the incredible teachers, visionary leadership and strong community involvement at these schools.”

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