



Wendell Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School Named National Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America

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Wendell Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School has been named a National Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America, the national association for magnet and theme-based schools.

Principal Jack Zellmer will be recognized and receive a National Magnet School of Excellence Merit Award on behalf of the school during an awards ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America's 38th National Conference hosted by Clark County School District later this April.

Magnet School of Excellence Awards are only given to a select group of magnet schools. In 2019, out of the approximately 3400 magnet schools in the United States, only 109 were named as a Magnet School of Excellence. Schools of Excellence are eligible to receive monetary awards and are eligible to be named the nation's top Elementary, Secondary, or New & 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.

To receive a national merit award, members of Magnet Schools of America must submit a detailed application that is scored by a panel of educators. These schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school's magnet theme.

To learn more about the national merit awards program, please visit www.magnet.edu.