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Character.org Certifies 170 Promising Practices in Schools and Organizations

Washington, DC (June 1, 2021) - <u>Character.org</u>, a national advocate and leader for character in schools and communities, today certified 170 Promising Practices in schools and organizations.

"We are extremely proud to recognize the schools and organizations that have developed and implemented a Promising Practice" said Dr. Arthur Schwartz, President of Character.org. "Each of these programs and initiatives have demonstrated significant impact and strongly align with the principles that help schools and organizations cultivate a culture of character."

This year's character development practices and initiatives included peer mentoring, service-learning, and conflict resolution approaches. Many of the Promising Practices also involve parents and the local community. See the full list of our 2021 Promising Practices below.

Character.org will honor each 2021 Promising Practice recipient (schools and organizations) at its National Forum to be held October 20-22, 2021. Learn more about Promising Practices on our <u>website</u>.

2021 Promising Practice Schools and Organizations (United States)

Alabama

Holt Elementary, Tuscaloosa County Schools Margaret Elementary Vestavia Hills Elementary at Cahaba Heights Vestavia Hills Elementary East

Arizona

Imagine Coolidge Elementary Imagine Desert West Elementary Imagine Desert West Middle School

District of Columbia

Imagine Andrews Public Character School

Florida

Haiti Partners Imagine Charter at North Lauderdale Elementary Imagine Charter School at Weston Imagine Kissimmee Charter Academy Imagine School at North Port-K-5 Imagine School at North Port-6-12 Imagine School at Palmer Ranch Imagine School at Town Center Imagine School at South Vero Imagine School at West Melbourne Imagine School, Chancellor Campus

Imagine South Lake Charter School

Georgia

LRJ Foundation PTA Webb Bridge Middle School Webb Bridge Middle School

Illinois

Deer Path Middle School, Lake Forest Elementary District 67

Kansas

Anthony Elementary School

Maryland

Imagine Lincoln Public Charter School Panorama Elementary Prince Street Elementary School

Michigan

Birmingham Covington School Tobey Elementary School

Missouri

AESM Middle School Antonia Middle School, Fox C 6 Belton Middle School Columbia Public Schools Preschool Program Craig Elementary School, Parkway School District Don Earl Early Childhood Hancock Place High School Hillcrest STEAM Academy Independence Elementary School, Francis Howell Jefferson City Academic Center Jefferson Elementary Mason Elementary School Mason Ridge Elementary **McKelvey Elementary** Meramec Heights Elementary School Nance Elementary School Northeast Middle School Northview High School Oak Brook Elementary Parkway School District Plattin Primary & Telegraph Intermediate Senn-Thomas Middle School Taylor Early Childhood Center, Dunklin R 5 School District **Truman Learning Center** Washington-Franklin Elementary, Farmington School District Woerther Elementary School

New Jersey

Applegarth Elementary School, Monroe Township Schools Birchwood Elementary School Cherry Hill High School West **Copeland Middle School** East Greenwich Township Schools Greenwood Elementary School Hanover Park Regional High School District Holmdel High School James A. McDivitt Elementary School Joyce Kilmer Elementary School Katharine D. Malone Elementary School Lawrence Middle School Macopin Middle School Mahatma K. Gandhi School, P.S. 23 McGalliard Elementary Morgan Elementary School **Oakview Elementary School** Red Bank Charter School **Red Bank Elementary School** Samuel Mickle School Spotswood Memorial Middle School The Pennsauken Campus of Camden County Technical Schools Upper Greenwood Lake Elementary School West Deptford Middle School West Milford High School Woodcrest Elementary School

New York

Brilla Public Charter Schools Buffalo Public School 17 Early Childhood Center Hamlin Park School Smallwood Drive Elementary School Smith Street School William H. Barton Intermediate School

North Carolina

Bluford-Peeler STEAM Academy Southeast Guilford High School Sumner Elementary Union Academy

Ohio

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence Imagine Great Western Academy Imagine Groveport Community School Sullivant Avenue Community School

Oklahoma

Lawton High School

Pennsylvania

East Pennsboro School District-East Pennsboro High School Lynnewood Elementary School Pennsbury High School Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

Texas Alamo Heights High School Alamo Height Jr. School Bernshausen Elementary, Klien ISD Cambridge Elementary School Clear Brook High School Clear Lake High School Eiland Elementary, Klein ISD **Epps Island Elementary** Harmony School of Excellence-Dallas Harmony School of Excellence-Houston Harmony School of Technology Harmony Science Academy Dallas Elementary Harmony Science Academy El Paso **HL Brockett Elementary** Jackie Fuller Elementary School, Aubrey Independent School District James A. Monaco Elementary School of Science and Technology Sugar Land Strack Intermediate Ulrich Intermediate School, Klein ISD

Virginia

Stafford High School

Wisconsin

Greenwood Elementary School, School District of River Falls

2021 Promising Practice Recipients Schools and Organizations (International)

Brazil

Colegio CEL Intercultural Colegio Sepp

Mexico

Liceo de Monterrey Girls Campus Secundaria Bilingüe Albert Einstein Secundaria Bilingüe Tec de Monterrey, Campus Cd. Juárez Secundaria Tec de Monterrey Campus Chihuahua Secundaria Tec de Monterrey, Campus Laguna Secundaria Tecnológico de Monterey Zacatecas

Philippines

Childlink Learning Center & Childlink High School, Inc. PAREF Springdale School, Inc.

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