

HCPS National Certified Magnet Schools of Excellence

HCPS is home to eleven (11) of the top Magnet Schools in the country who have earned the designation: **National Certified Magnet School of Excellence**.

All of these awards have been earned in the last three years.

This is one of the largest concentrations of National Certified Magnet Schools in the United States. The award comes from Magnet Schools of America.

These Magnet Schools made a decision, with the support and resources of the Magnet Office, to take a close look at their practices and identify areas of strength and areas in need of improvement over a nearly 2-year time period. They took on this time-intensive and comprehensive process with one thought in mind: become a stronger Magnet Program for students.

They analyzed their programs through the lens of the 5 pillars of Magnet Education:

- high academic standards,
- innovative curriculum and professional development,
- successful desegregation / diversity efforts,
- specialized teaching staffs,
- and parent and community involvement.

After this period of application, reflection, and program analysis, these schools joined a cadre of just over 100 Magnet Schools nationwide—out of a possible 4,300 Magnet Schools in the country.

These efforts not only lead to a greater awareness of what happens on campus each and every day, but also provide a direction for strengthening what these Magnet Programs can do for students and the community moving forward.

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Jefferson High School

Lincoln Elementary Magnet School

MacFarlane Park Elementary Magnet School—a **National Demonstration School**

Middleton High School

Muller Elementary Magnet School

Riverhills Elementary Magnet School—a **National Demonstration School**

Shore Elementary Magnet School

Sligh Middle Magnet School

Stewart Middle Magnet School

Tampa Bay Technical High School

Tampa Heights Elementary Magnet School

