



Weddington Hills Elementary, IB World School

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Weddington Hills Elementary, IB World School, Named National Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America

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

The magnet theme at Weddington Hills Elementary is the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, IB PYP. The mission of the school and the IB is to develop the attributes of the IB Learner Profile in our students. These attributes define an internationally minded person who can be successful anywhere in the world. Opportunities to develop these attributes are provided throughout the school day and throughout the school building. Students are recognized for showing these attributes and reflect on their progress in becoming more internationally minded. The IB PYP builds a foundation in learning through inquiry, additional language, culture and taking action through service to others. "During these pandemic years, our staff continued to innovate and support inquiry-based learning and teaching. Our entire school community rose to the challenges and grew stronger together. These circumstances make this 5th merit award even more rewarding," commented Chasity Dolan, Principal.

Chasity Dolan, Principal, 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 39th National Conference hosted by Clark County School District in Clark County, Nevada, April 18-22, 2022.

Magnet School of Excellence Awards are only given to a select group of magnet schools. 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.