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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.

Each day the students and staff of Weddington Hills Elementary live their excellence. Through their IB program, they engage in innovative inquiry-based learning, celebrate language and diversity, and take action through service to others. For these reasons, the IB Primary Years Programme at Weddington Hills Elementary has been nationally recognized by Magnet Schools of America since 2017.

Presentation of Excellence Award:

Weddington Hills Elementary 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 40th National Conference hosted by Dallas Independent School District, April 18-22, 2023.

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.