Character.org Certifies 87 State Schools and 3 Districts of Character

Washington, D.C. (January 28, 2019) — Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character in communities including schools, districts, families, workplaces and sports, today designated 87 schools and 3 districts in 18 states as State Schools of Character for 2019. Since Character.org’s School of Character program inception, the process has affected nearly 3 million students, staff, parents and other community members. Each year, Character.org certifies schools and districts at the state level that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development, which has a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior and school climate. Schools and districts announced today will be considered for Character.org’s highest distinction - National School of Character. There are also 16 schools that are former State Schools of Character applying for the national certification and 23 schools and districts recertifying as National Schools of Character. (See the complete list of 2019 State Schools of Character below.)

"We are pleased to announce the 2019 State Schools and Districts of Character today," said Doug Karr, Character.org’s President & CEO. "These schools’ representatives, including educators, parents and students, are working together to create stronger communities focused on character. We are honored to validate their efforts and continue coaching them along their journeys."

To learn more about the schools chosen today and those in the midst of their 5-year certification as State Schools of Character, please visit Character.org’s website. Criteria for selection are based on Character.org’s 11 Principles of Character, which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

“Implementing the 11 Principles of Effective Character has provided a clear, intentional and structured roadmap for promoting the highest ethical standards at Harmony Public Schools. Character is one of the most important attributes we can teach our students, because good character will serve them throughout their lives--in their homes, in their schools, in their families and in their communities,” said Umit Alpaslan, Harmony Public Schools Deputy Superintendent.

The 2019 National Schools of Character will be announced in May 2019. Character.org will honor these schools and districts at the 2019 National Forum to be held Oct 24-27, 2019 in Washington, DC.
About Character.org: Founded in 1993, Character.org is a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. It works with communities including organizations, schools, families, workplaces and sports to inspire, educate and empower people to be ethical and compassionate citizens. Character.org is a membership organization dedicated to growth and success through the advancement of quality character development in schools and communities through our inspiring, empowering and certifying programs and resources. Visit www.character.org to learn more.

2019 State Schools and Districts of Character

California
Coastal Academy

Connecticut
Tracey Elementary School

District of Columbia
Hope Community Public Charter School-Lamond Campus

Florida
*Apollo Beach Elementary
Imagine School at North Port
*Imagine School at Town Center
Imagine Schools at West Melbourne
Imagine South Vero
Seminole Science Charter School

Illinois
Emge Jr. High School
Harmony Intermediate Center

Kansas
Anthony Elementary
David Brewer Elementary School

Kentucky
Kenwood Elementary

Maryland
Pocomoke High School
**Michigan**
*Harlan Elementary  
Hart Middle School  
Wass Elementary School

**Minnesota**
*Community of Peace Academy

**Missouri**

**State Districts of Character**
Ladue School District  
*Lindbergh School District  
*Mehlville School District

**State Schools of Character**
*Blevins Elementary  
Brennan Woods Elementary  
Cambridge Elementary School  
Hanna Woods Elementary School  
Hillcrest STEAM Academy  
*Hiram Neuwoehner High School  
Ladue Early Childhood Center  
*Ladue Middle School  
Lafayette High School  
*Lindbergh High School  
Maple Grove Elementary  
*Mckelvey Elementary  
Parkway Central High School  
Parkway West Middle School  
*Sperreng Middle School  
Truman Middle School

**Nebraska**
*Longfellow Elementary School

**New Jersey**
Arthur L. Johnson High School  
Barclay Early Childhood Center  
*Cheesequake Elementary School
Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29
Frances C. Smith ECC School No. 50
Greenwood Elementary School
*Henry C. Beck Middle School
Isaiah Haines Elementary School
*James A. McDivitt Elementary School
James F. Cooper Elementary School
James H. Johnson Elementary School
Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology and the Arts School No. 9
Kingston Elementary School
Lakeview School
Langtree Elementary School
Marshall Hill School
*Pauline J. Petway Elementary
Perth Amboy High School
Pinelands Regional Junior High School
*Raymond E. Voorhees Elementary School
Signal Hill Elementary School
Stony Brook School, North Plainfield
Stony Brook School, Rockaway Township
Valley Middle School
William Mason Elementary School
Woodcrest Elementary School

New York
Crompond Elementary School
Meadow Elementary School
Smallwood Drive Elementary School
*Smith Street School

Ohio
*Centerville Primary Village North
Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts

Oklahoma
Roosevelt Elementary
*Sadler Arts Academy

Pennsylvania
*Charles Boehm Middle School
Chestnutwold Elementary School

**Texas**
Acton Elementary
Cambridge Elementary School
GH Whitcomb Elementary
Harmony School of Innovation Fort Worth
Henry Bauerschlag Elementary
Howard Early Childhood Center
Klein High School
LaVace Stewart Elementary
Margaret S McWhirter Elementary
Oak Woods School
Ross Elementary
School of Science and Technology Advancement
School of Science and Technology Corpus Christi
*Southside Elementary School
Weber Elementary School

*Denotes a re-certifying National School of Character.*