



CharacterPlus® Celebrates Local Schools Receiving 2024 National Schools of Character Distinction

(May 23, 2024) St. Louis, MO... CharacterPlus®, the longest-running character education initiative in the country, is proud to announce Missouri's 12 schools named 2024 National Schools and Districts of Character. These schools and districts have demonstrated a focus on character development which has positively impacted academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate. Nationally, 73 schools received the honor this year.

All of the schools selected as National Schools of Character have demonstrated exemplary implementation of Character.org's *11 Principles of Effective Character Education*, a framework for whole-school improvement. This designation lasts for five years.

One of the highlights of our year at CharacterPlus is recognizing the hard work and dedication of these schools. CharacterPlus member schools and districts historically represent more than 20% of the nation's National School of Character designees.

This year, four local schools previously recognized as National Schools of Character reapplied and received the designation for the third time, meaning they have been involved in the Schools of Character process since at least 2014. Those schools are:



Blevins Elementary (Rockwood)
Hiram Neuwoehner High School (Special School District)
Lindbergh High School (Lindbergh)
Sperreng Middle School (Lindbergh)

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Six regional schools previously recognized as National Schools of Character reapplied and received the designation for the second time. Those schools are:



**HANCOCK PLACE
HIGH SCHOOL**



**LADUE EARLY
CHILDHOOD**



**KENTUCKY TRAIL
ELEMENTARY**



**NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY ACCESS
AND JOB TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL**



**WILCKENS STEAM ACADEMY
AT HILLCREST**



**TRUMAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Hancock Place High School (Hancock Place)

Ladue Early Childhood (Ladue)

Kentucky Trail Elementary School (Belton)

Nottingham Community Access and Job Training High School (St. Louis Public)

Wilckens STEAM Academy at Hillcrest (Belton)

Truman Middle School (Lindbergh)

Additionally, two schools received the designation of National School of Character for the first time. Those schools are:



**HANCOCK PLACE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**NANCE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Hancock Place Middle School (Hancock Place)

Nance Elementary School (St. Louis Public)

The Schools of Character program in Missouri is managed locally by CharacterPlus. CharacterPlus, located in St. Louis, is a membership-based nonprofit organization committed to equipping school stakeholders with the resources they need to provide high-quality character education. Through CharacterPlus, schools receive evidence-based development and training in effective character education for school transformation.

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For additional information [about](#) this recognition or each school's journey to State or National School of Character designation, please contact Nicole Diehl, Missouri Schools of Character Coordinator, at ndiehl@characterplus.org, or visit characterplus.org.

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