

# Broward County Public Schools Receives Magnet Schools Awards

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Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) garnered nine Magnet Schools of Distinction awards and two Magnet Schools of Excellence awards by Magnet Schools of America (MSA). The annual recognition celebrates magnet schools and programs for their commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful diversity efforts, specialized teaching staffs, and parent/community involvement.

“I am extremely proud of the accomplishments and achievements of our world-class magnet programs,” said Superintendent Robert W. Runcie. “These awards and designations showcase how BCPS magnet programs are preparing today’s students for future success.”

During a special ceremony at the 36th Annual Magnet Schools of America Conference, April 25-29, 2018, in Chicago, MSA will recognize the following magnet schools:

<b>School</b>	<b>Magnet Theme</b>	<b>Award</b>
Sunrise Middle School	Montessori	Magnet School of Excellence
Liberty Elementary School	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Museum	Magnet School of Excellence
Apollo Middle School	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	Magnet School of Distinction
Atlantic West Elementary School	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Museum	Magnet School of Distinction
Attucks Middle School	Cambridge	Magnet School of Distinction
Beachside Montessori Village K-8	Montessori	Magnet School of Distinction
Fort Lauderdale High School	Cambridge	Magnet School of Distinction
Fort Lauderdale High School	Pre-Law & Public Affairs	Magnet School of Distinction

New River Middle School	Marine Science	Magnet School of Distinction
Plantation High School	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program	Magnet School of Distinction
South Plantation High School	Environmental Science and Everglades Restoration	Magnet School of Distinction

Two schools are also being recognized as Nationally Certified Schools by MSA. New River Middle School and South Broward High School are among 38 schools in just 12 states (AL, CA, CT, FL, GA, LA, MN, NC, NV, SC, TN and TX) to complete a nine-month evaluation by MSA, showcasing the best practices in the Magnet Schools of Excellence program. Being recognized as a Nationally Certified School highlights these outstanding magnet programs on a national level.

New River Middle offers a marine magnet program providing hands-on learning activities for students with South Florida’s waterways, nautical systems, maritime businesses and industries, and ocean sciences.

South Broward High provides students opportunities to learn about future careers in the maritime industry. Students at South Broward High learn a lifelong sense of environmental stewardship for coral reefs, sharks and the ocean.

New River Middle and South Broward High will also receive recognition at this national conference in April.

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“Committed to educating all students to reach their highest potential.”

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is the sixth largest school district in the nation and the second largest in the state of Florida. BCPS is Florida’s first fully accredited school system since 1962. BCPS has more than 271,500 students and approximately 175,000 adult students in 234 schools, centers and technical colleges, and 93 charter schools. BCPS serves a diverse student population, with students representing 204 different countries and 191 different languages. To learn more, visit [browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com). Follow BCPS on Twitter @browardschools and Facebook at [facebook.com/browardschools](https://www.facebook.com/browardschools), and download the free BCPS mobile app.