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11 EBR Schools Recognized with Prestigious National Magnet Merit Awards

BATON ROUGE, La. — Eleven outstanding East Baton Rouge Parish School System magnet schools and programs, including top honoree Belfair Montessori Magnet, have been recognized as National Merit Award winners by Magnet Schools of America.

Belfair, which serves about 350 magnet students in pre-K3 through eighth grade, earned the Top Merit Award of Excellence, the organization's highest level of recognition.

Magnet Schools of America national merit awards honor magnet schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to high academic standards, innovative curriculum, successful desegregation and diversity efforts, and meaningful parent and community engagement.

There are two categories of National Merit Awards:

Merit Award of Excellence

- Belfair Montessori Magnet School (Top Merit Award of Excellence)
- Liberty Magnet High School
- Woodlawn High School

Merit Award of Distinction

- Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet
- Westdale World Language Immersion Middle Magnet
- Woodlawn Middle Magnet
- Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Magnet Academy





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- McKinley Middle Academic Magnet
- Baton Rouge Magnet High
- Forest Heights Academy of Excellence
- Villa del Rey Creative Sciences and Arts Magnet

These schools will be formally recognized during an awards ceremony at the Magnet Schools of America's 42nd National Conference set for April 13-17 in San Diego.

All schools applying for national merit awards must be current members of Magnet Schools of America and submit a comprehensive application scored by a panel of educators.

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