Magnet Schools of America (MSA)

Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is a national nonprofit education association whose members are schools and school districts. The association represents and, is a resource to, magnet schools, parents, teachers, school boards, administrators, business leaders, community organizations and institutions of higher education.

MSA’s work is guided by the “five pillars” of diversity, innovative curriculum and professional development, academic excellence, high-quality instructional systems and family and community partnerships. The synergistic relationship of these five equally held tenets is not merely a foundation, but a compass moving our students/children forward to a well-prepared future.

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Related Resources:

- About Magnet Schools - (see attached)
- Magnet School Fast Facts (see attached)
- Snapshot of Magnet Schools in America

Magnet Schools of America commissioned a study with the University of North Carolina – Charlotte’s Urban Institute to compile a comprehensive and more current count of the number of magnet schools across the country, as many school districts have broadened what it means to be a magnet school. The Institute determined there are now 4,340 magnet schools. These dynamic schools educate one out of every 15 public school students in the United States.

As the largest and original provider of public school choice, magnet schools have the power to turn around low-performing schools, and forever shape students’ and educators’ lives. The stories included in this report illustrate the transformative power of America’s magnet schools. Read on to learn about the educational movement that’s already benefiting nearly 3.5 million students across the United States.

http://magnet.edu/resources/research-studies/snapshot-of-magnet-schools-report

- Magnet Schools of America offers three conferences a year: 1) Policy Training Conference; 2) National Conference on Magnet Schools; and 3) Technical Assistance and Training Conference
• The **National Institute for Magnet School Leadership** (NIMSL) is MSA’s technical assistance arm whose mission is to provide professional expertise to MSA member districts and schools.

• **Standards of Excellence Certification Program for Magnet Schools**

  MSA has created a national certification process designed to recognize the most exemplary magnet schools in the nation and help them as they continue to grow and provide high-quality, innovative curriculum and instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.

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