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Character.org Recognizes 290 Promising Practices in Schools and Organizations

Washington, DC (May 15, 2026) – Character.org, a leading advocate for cultivating character development throughout American society and worldwide, today certified 290 character-centered Promising Practices that have been implemented in schools and organizations.

"We are incredibly proud to recognize the schools and organizations that have developed and implemented Promising Practices," said Diana Dodson, Director of Promising Practices. "Each of these practices demonstrates meaningful impact while bringing to life the principles that inspire 'goodness in action' and cultivate a culture of character in schools and organizations."

This year, Character.org received applications highlighting a wide range of practices, including integrating core values into school culture, fostering a sense of belonging and caring relationships, empowering student voice and leadership, inspiring acts of service, encouraging students to do the right thing for intrinsic reasons, and peer mentoring. Many of the Promising Practices also actively engage parents and the local community. See the full list of our 2026 Promising Practices below.

2026 Promising Practice Recipients (United States)

*Denotes a District Recognition

Alabama

Recipient of 3 Promising Practices:
- Northside High School, Northport

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
- Alma Bryant High School, Douglas
- AUBREY'S LOVE, Florence
- Austin Junior High School, Irvington
- Big Sandy Elementary, Limestone County
- Chelsea High School, Decatur
- Childersburg High School, Moundville
- Cleburne County Middle School, Chelsea
- Douglas High School, Childersburg
- Eastwood Middle School, Heflin
- Florence Middle School, Tuscaloosa
- Forest Hills Elementary School, Florence
- Holt Elementary School, Tuscaloosa
- Iqra Math and Science Academy, Anniston
- Northside Middle School, Northport
- Ohatchee Elementary School, Ohatchee
- Priceville High School, Decatur
- Vance Elementary School, Vance
- Vestavia Hills Elementary East, Vestavia Hills
- Vestavia Hills High School, Vestavia Hills

Vestavia Hills High School Freshman Campus, Vestavia Hills
Winterboro High School, Alpine

Arizona

Recipient of 3 Promising Practices:
Imagine Camelback, Phoenix

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:
Imagine Prep Coolidge, Coolidge

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
Imagine Avondale, Avondale
Imagine Bell Canyon, Phoenix
Imagine Coolidge Elementary School, Coolidge
Imagine Prep Superstition, Apache Junction

Arkansas

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
Cross County Elementary School, Cherry Valley

California

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
Imagine Schools Riverside County, Coachella

Florida

Recipient of 3 Promising Practices:
Imagine Charter School at Weston, Weston

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:
Imagine Kissimmee Charter Academy, Kissimmee
Imagine North Port Elementary Campus, North Port
Imagine School at North Port, North Port
Imagine School at Town Center, Palm Coast
Imagine Schools at South Vero, Vero Beach
Imagine School West Melbourne, West Melbourne
Imagine South Lake Charter School, Clermont

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
CES Academy Bradenton, Bradenton
Imagine Charter School at North Manatee, Palmetto
Imagine North Lauderdale Elementary School, North Lauderdale
Imagine Plantation, Plantation
Imagine School at Broward, Coral Springs
Imagine School at Lakewood Ranch, Bradenton
Imagine School at North Port - Upper Campus, North Port
Imagine School at Palmer Ranch, Sarasota
Imagine School Land O' Lakes, Land O' Lakes
Imagine Schools Chancellor Campus, Boynton Beach
IMG Academy, Bradenton
River City Science Academy, Jacksonville

Georgia

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:

Fulton Science Academy Private School, Alpharetta

Illinois

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Bond County Unit 2 High School, Greenville

The Simple Room, Greenville

Kansas

Recipient of 3 Promising Practices:

V. Lindsay Seventh-day Adventist School, Kansas City

Maryland

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Imagine Andrews Public Charter School, Joint Base Andrews

Imagine Leeland, Upper Marlboro

Michigan

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Troy Union Elementary, Troy

Wattles Elementary School, Troy

Minnesota

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:

Cyber Village Academy, Minneapolis

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Cologne Academy, Cologne

Missouri

Recipient of 3 Promising Practices:

Frontier School of Excellence, Kansas City

Frontier School of Innovation Middle School, Kansas City

Pacific High School, Pacific

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:

AESM Middle School, St. Louis

Henry Elementary, Ballwin

High Ridge Elementary, High Ridge

*Wright City R-II School District, Wright City

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Bayless Elementary, St. Louis

Bayless High School, St. Louis

Bayless Junior High, St. Louis

Bristol Elementary School, Webster Groves

Claude Brown Elementary, Troy

Coleman Elementary, Villa Ridge

Conway Elementary, St. Louis

Crestview Middle School, Ellisville

Don Earl Early Childhood Center, Arnold

Dunklin R 5, Herculaneum

Frontier School of Innovation-Elementary, Kansas City

*Frontier Schools, Kansas City
Frontier STEM High School, Kansas City
Gladden Elementary School, Belton
Hanna Woods Elementary School, Manchester
Hixson Middle, Webster Groves
Kennerly Elementary, Sappington
Kentucky Trail Elementary, Belton
Ladue Fifth Grade Center, Creve Coeur
LaSalle Springs Middle School, Wildwood
Lindbergh High School, Sappington
Long International Middle School, St. Louis
*Meramec Valley R-III School District, Pacific
Parkway Early Childhood, Ballwin
Ridge Meadows Elementary, Ellisville
Rockwood Valley Middle School, Glencoe
Ross Elementary School, St. Louis
Shirlee Green Preschool, St. Louis
Truman Middle School, St. Louis
Washington High School, Washington
Wilckens STEAM Academy at Hillcrest, Belton
Wildwood Middle School, Wildwood
Willow Brook Elementary, St. Louis
Zitzman Elementary, Pacific

Montana

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Saddle Peak Elementary, Belgrade

Nevada

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Imagine Schools at Mountain View, Las Vegas

New Jersey

Recipient of 3 Promising Practices:

Cherry Hill High School West, Cherry Hill

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:

Wilson Elementary School, Hamilton

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Academy Street School, Dover
Burlington County Institute of Technology - Medford Campus, Medford
Camden County Technical Schools- Pennsauken Campus, Pennsauken
Carusi Middle School, Cherry Hill
Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education #51, Elizabeth
Dorothy L Bullock School, Glassboro
Dover Middle School, Dover
Glassboro High School, Glassboro
Glen Meadow Middle School, Vernon
Grace Wilday Junior High School, Roselle
Greenwood Elementary, Hamilton
Harrison Township School District #2070, Mullica Hill

Hopewell Elementary School, Hopewell
J. Harvey Rodgers School, Glassboro
John Y. Dater School, Ramsey
Joyce Kilmer Elementary School, Cherry Hill
Kindergarten Success Academy, Roselle
Leroy Gordon Cooper School, Cliffwood Beach
Mary A. Hubbard School, Ramsey
Pemberton Township High School, Pemberton
Pioneer Academy, Wayne
Pitman Elementary School, Pitman
Pitman Jr/Sr High School, Pitman
Pitman Memorial School, Pitman
President Barack Obama Community School, P.S. 34, Jersey City
Red Bank Charter School, Red Bank
Riverbank Charter School of Excellence, Roebling
Thomas E. Bowe Middle School, Glassboro
Village Elementary School, Holmdel
Wesley D. Tisdale, Ramsey
Woodcrest Elementary School, Cherry Hill
Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Edison
Woodside Avenue School, Franklin Lakes

New York

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

*Brilla Schools, Bronx
Charles E. Schwarting Elementary School, Massapequa
*Comsewogue School District, Port Jefferson Station
John F. Kennedy Middle School and Boyle Road Elementary School, Port Jefferson Station
Drexel School, Westbury
P.S.22Q - Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Flushing
Smallwood Drive Elementary School, Amherst
*Yorktown Central School District, Yorktown Heights

North Carolina

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Participate Learning, Chapel Hill
Union Academy Charter School, Monroe

Ohio

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Imagine Academy at Sullivant, Columbus
Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence, Cleveland
Imagine Columbus Primary Academy, Columbus
Imagine Great Western Academy, Columbus
Imagine Groveport Community School, Groveport
Imagine Klepinger Community School, Dayton
Imagine Leadership Academy, Akron
Madison Avenue School of Arts, Toledo

Oklahoma

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Freedom Elementary, Fort Sill
Almor West Elementary School, Lawton
Brockland Learning Center, Lawton
Carriage Hills Elementary, Lawton
Cleveland Elementary School, Lawton
Crosby Park Elementary, Lawton
Dove Virtual Academy, Warr Acres
Edison Elementary School, Lawton
Eisenhower Elementary, Lawton
Hugh Bish Elementary, Lawton
Learning Tree Academy, Lawton
Life Ready Center-Lawton Public Schools, Lawton
Lincoln Elementary School, Lawton
MacArthur Middle School, Lawton
New Horizons Learning Center, Lawton
Pat Henry Elementary, Lawton
Pioneer Park Elementary, Lawton
Sullivan Village Elementary School, Lawton
Whittier Elementary School, Lawton

Pennsylvania

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Ad Prima Charter School, Philadelphia

Texas

Recipient of 3 Promising Practices:

Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio
Alamo Heights Junior School, San Antonio
Clear Springs High School, League City
Harmony School of Innovation, Laredo
Horizon Leadership Academy, Houston
*School of Science and Technology, San Antonio
*School Of Science and Technology Discovery, San Antonio
*School Of Science and Technology, Spring
SST Champions Elementary, Houston

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:

Kay Granger Elementary, Fort Worth

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Cambridge Elementary, San Antonio
Harmony School of Excellence Middle High, Katy
Harmony School of Excellence, El Paso
Harmony School of Innovation, Brownsville
Harmony School of Innovation Elementary, El Paso
Harmony School of Innovation, Garland
Harmony School of Innovation Middle-High, El Paso
Harmony School of Science, El Paso
Harmony School of Science- Middle High, El Paso
Harmony Science Academy, Laredo
Harmony Science Academy, Euless
Harmony Science Academy, Brownsville

Harmony Science Academy, Carrollton
Harmony Science Academy High School, Dallas
Harmony Science Academy, El Paso
Imagine International Academy of North Texas, McKinney
School of Science and Technology – Advancement, Houston
School of Science and Technology Bayshore, Corpus Christi
School of Science and Technology Hill Country, San Antonio
School of Science and Technology Hill Country College Prep, San Antonio
School of Science and Technology, Schertz
School of Science and Technology Sugar Land, Richmond
School of Science and Technology- Corpus Christi College Prep High School, Corpus Christi
School of Science and Technology- Sonterra, San Antonio
School of Science and Technology-The Woodlands, Tomball
The School of Science and Technology- Willow Creek, Spring
YES Prep Brays Oaks Secondary, Houston

Wisconsin
Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
Westside Elementary School, River Falls

2026 Promising Practice Recipients (International)

Australia
Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
Ivanhoe Grammar School

Brazil
Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:
CEL Intercultural School, Rio de Janeiro

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
TiliT Group, Sao Paulo

Philippines
Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
Stonyhurst Southville International School - Malarayat Campus, Batangas
Stonyhurst Southville International School Batangas (SSISB)
Southville International School and Colleges, Metro Manila
South Mansfield College, Metro Manila

Mexico
Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:
Fundacion Azteca, Ciudad de México (Mexico City)

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:
HighPoint International School by Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua
HighPoint International School, Chihuahua
HighPoint International School Laguna, Coahuila
Escuela Talentos Secundaria #86 “Lic. Miguel Alemán Valdés” Plantel Azteca, Nuevo León
Escuela Secundaria Técnica No. 58 “Prof. Florentino Domínguez Ordóñez” Plantel Azteca, Tlaxcala
Escuela Preparatoria No 13 Plantel Azteca Mérida 2, Yucatan

Romania

Recipient of 2 Promising Practices:

Liceul Teoretic Internațional de Informatică, București-Campus Pallady, Bucharest

Liceul Internațional de Informatică Spectrum, Cluj-Napoca

Recipient of 1 Promising Practice:

Scoala Primara Spectrum, Bucuresti / Spectrum Primary School, Bucharest

The International Computer High School Colentina, București

The International Computer High School, Constanta

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Character.org is a worldwide network of educators, researchers, and civic leaders that empowers people of all ages to practice and model the character strengths and core values that shape the hearts, minds, and choices of every person. Founded in 1993 and formerly known as the Character Education Partnership, Character.org is widely known for its *11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character*. The organization's vision is to be the global leader and voice for developing character in families, schools, and organizations.

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