



Clayton County Public Schools

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Two CCPS Schools Earn Magnet Schools of America Recertification

JONESBORO- Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is honored to share with all stakeholders that Kay R. Pace School of the Arts and Elite Scholars Academy have met the criteria to remain nationally certified magnet schools by Magnet Schools of America (MSA)!

According to the notice provided by MSA, as Nationally Certified Magnet Schools, Kay R. Pace School of the Arts and Elite Scholars Academy have demonstrated through evidence, reflection, and strategic action, that the schools have established and maintained Standards of Excellence and fulfilled a commitment to the school and community stakeholders. This recertification is valid through August of 2027.

“We are excited to share this outstanding news as it signifies the dedication of our staff, students, their families, and partners to maintain a level of excellence in our schools and community,” said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “As we build a better tomorrow, today in our district, accomplishments such as this will serve as building blocks to our future success and endeavors,” he concluded.

Created by the Magnet Schools of America, this national certification process is designed to recognize the most exemplary magnet schools in the nation. In addition, MSA helps schools as they continue to grow and provide high-quality, innovative curricula and instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students. The certification process is based on the National Magnet School Standards of Excellence and on the five pillars of magnet schools: diversity, innovative curriculum and professional development, academic excellence, high-quality instructional systems, and family and community partnerships.

Please join us as we congratulate Mr. Sam West, Principal of Elite Scholars Academy, Dr. Lee Buddy, Principal of Kay R. Pace School of the Arts, and their staff, along with Dr. Monika Wiley, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Improvement, and Ms. Bridget Long, CCPS Magnet Lead, for their work to achieve this amazing accomplishment. For more information about Magnet Schools of America, please visit <https://magnet.edu/>.

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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