



31 August 2023

Kimberly Hobbs, Principal

The Rice School

Ref: Certification Notification Letter

Dear Kimberly Hobbs,

On behalf of Magnet Schools of America, it is our privilege to inform you that The Rice School has met the criteria to become Nationally Certified. Your certification status is valid through August of 2027.

As a Nationally Certified Magnet School, your school has demonstrated through evidence, reflection, and strategic action, that you have established the Standards of Excellence in your school and fulfilled a commitment to your community stakeholders.

Magnet Schools of America (MSA), the national association of magnet and theme-based schools, created this 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. The certification process is based on the five pillars of magnet schools and the National Magnet School Standards of Excellence. These standards define the essential elements and characteristics of high-quality magnet programs.

We commend your school's staff, students, families, and partners for their active roles in supporting your cognizant efforts to thrive for excellence. Being recognized as a Nationally Certified Magnet School is a tremendous honor and accomplishment. We encourage you to share this exciting news with your community and have created a press and social media toolkit to help you get started (link included in your email).

Attached in this email is the National Certification electronic seal in a PNG file for your website, email signature line, letterhead, marketing materials, etc.

Also attached is your report from the OpenWater platform with your evaluator's MSA score and feedback for each indicator. The feedback is not specific, rather it refers you back to the language of the rubric. Your final MSA score appears at the top of the report.

Congratulations,

Kelly Bucherie
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