



31 August 2023

Tanya Edwards, Principal

Baylor College of Medicine Academy at James D. Ryan

Ref: Certification Notification Letter

Dear Tanya Edwards,

On behalf of Magnet Schools of America, it is our privilege to inform you that Baylor College of Medicine Academy at James D. Ryan has met the criteria to become Nationally Certified-Demonstration. Your certification status is valid through August of 2027.

As a Nationally Certified-Demonstration Magnet School, your school 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-Demonstration 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 Certified-Demonstration electronic seal in a PNG file for your website, email signature line, letterhead, marketing materials, etc.

Also attached in this email is a 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.

Congratulations,



Kelly Bucherie
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