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Woodbridge Academy Magnet School receives prestigious recognition as 2024 National Blue Ribbon School

The U.S. Department of Education highlights schools with high academic performance and those that focus on achievement disparities between student groups.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – Woodbridge Academy Magnet School has been named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, in recognition of exceptional teaching and learning. It is one of only 11 schools in New Jersey and just 356 schools nationwide to achieve this designation in 2024. This honor comes within the same school year that the New Jersey Department of Education ranked Woodbridge Academy Magnet School number one among all New Jersey high schools.

"This prestigious award is a testament to the tireless efforts of our dedicated educators, our students' passion for learning, and the compelling support of our school community. We are committed to providing an exceptional educational experience that empowers our students to reach new heights, and this recognition further affirms our school's #1 school ranking by the NJDOE. We share this achievement with pride and dedication to continue our mission of academic excellence and student growth," said **Superintendent Jorge E. Diaz**.

"Our entire school community is so excited to be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon as an Exemplary High Achieving School. This honor is a validation to our staff for their hard work and dedication to their craft as well as our students and their parents who know they made the right choice to come to our school for a rigorous, high-quality education. I am receiving emails and phone calls congratulating me but the congratulations really go to our students, parents, faculty and staff for their commitment to excellence." said **Woodbridge Academy Magnet School Principal, Robert Fuller**.

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“Middlesex County is making critical investments in educational partnerships, programming, and infrastructure, and as a result our County Magnet Schools rank among the best high schools in the nation — with Woodbridge Academy Magnet School No. 1 in the state,” said **Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios**. “Woodbridge Academy’s selection by the U.S. Department of Education as a 2024 Blue Ribbon School is a tremendous honor, and a reflection of the talent and hard work of our faculty and students. On behalf of the entire Board of County Commissioners, I congratulate the Board of Education, Superintendent Diaz, Principal Fuller, and of course our students, on this well-deserved honor.”

“A high-quality education enriches a person’s entire life, expanding their worldview and opening the doors to so many career and life opportunities,” said **Middlesex County Commissioner Chanelle Scott McCullum, chair of the Economic Development Committee**. “The U.S. Department of Education’s selection of Woodbridge Academy Magnet School as a 2024 Blue Ribbon School shines a spotlight on the exceptional educational experiences that Woodbridge Academy – and all of our County Magnet Schools – provides our students. I am immensely proud of Woodbridge Academy Magnet School, and I congratulate our students, faculty, and staff on this incredible honor.”

Established in 1982, the U.S. Department of Education’s National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes exemplary public and non-public elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the country each year. Blue Ribbon School status is awarded based on a school’s high overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among diverse groups of students. Woodbridge Academy’s selection as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School highlights the school’s collaborative efforts to align with the Middlesex County Magnet School District’s goal of preparing students to be College Ready. Career Ready. Life Ready. The district’s recent rebranding was a pivotal moment that redefined and emphasized the critical role a high-quality career and technical education plays within economic development. Middlesex County Magnet Schools offer rigorous academic programs along with high skill, real-world training in a hands-on learning environment, providing myriad ways for students and parents at each Magnet School to create a competitive advantage within specialized career programs.

Middlesex County residents who are interested in attending an open house at any of the five County Magnet Schools can [view the schedule here](#). For more information on the Middlesex County Magnet Schools, including career programs offered at each school, please visit mcmsnj.net.

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About Middlesex County Magnet Schools

Established in 1914 by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners as the country's first vocational and technical high school district, Middlesex County Magnet Schools fulfill an essential need for free occupational training in the State of New Jersey. The district receives high school and adult education applications from nearly 118,000 families throughout Middlesex County. Students in the district benefit from 33 distinct career program offerings on campuses situated in five local municipalities: East Brunswick, Edison, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, and Woodbridge.