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Academic Magnet ranked #2 in the nation for third consecutive year

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AMHS leads five CCSD schools in the top-25 in state rankings

Charleston, SC — Academic Magnet High School continues to stay near the top of the U.S. News & World Report [national rankings](#) for the Best High Schools in the country. The national publication named [Academic Magnet High School](#) (AMHS) the second-best high school in the country for the third year in a row. This is the fourth consecutive year the Raptors made the top two on this list (AMHS was number one in the country in 2019).

“I am honored to accept this recognition on behalf of our whole school community,” said AMHS Principal Jacob Perlmutter (and alumni of the school). “A lot of people - students, faculty, staff, and parents - worked hard for this. They did the heavy lifting to contribute to Academic Magnet’s long-standing tradition as one of the top schools in our nation.”

In coordination with North Carolina-based [RTI International](#), a global nonprofit social science research firm, U.S. News ranked approximately 17,840 public high schools out of the nearly 24,000 reviewed. This is the count of public high schools that had a 12th grade enrollment of 15 students or greater, or otherwise had sufficient enrollment in other high school grades during the 2019-2020 school year to be analyzed.

Academic Magnet is the second-best magnet high school in the nation for the third year in a row as well.

“At Academic Magnet, teachers create an environment which holds students accountable while at the same time fostering a welcoming environment for the students,” said AMHS junior Vishwa Veeraswamy, who was elected executive president of student council for the upcoming school year.

Five schools from Charleston County School District are in the top-25 of the 2022 U.S. News and World Report rankings for South Carolina: Academic Magnet (1), Charleston County School of the Arts (2), Wando High School (5), Charleston Charter School for Math and Science (13), and James Island Charter High School (15).

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.