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## Media Release

### **Newsweek recognizes Academic Magnet as a top STEM school**

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**North Charleston, SC** – Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) is no stranger to earning national awards; the Raptors are currently the [country's top high school](#) and magnet according to U.S. News & World Report. This fall, AMHS earned another national honor from another national publication. Newsweek recognized Academic Magnet as one of the Top 5,000 STEM High Schools, placing them at number 29 overall.

“With recent [regional](#), [national](#), and international recognitions in STEM competitions and a renewed commitment to the highest levels of course offerings in the math, engineering, computer programming, and math content areas, AMHS is establishing its place as a school where math and science student achievement is outstanding,” noted Principal Catherine Spencer.

The list was created in large part from STEM.org Educational Research; the scoring took into consideration a broad set of quantitative and qualitative data collected from the second quarter of 2015 through the third quarter of 2019.

Newsweek, with its long history of reporting on scientific breakthroughs, technological revolutions and societal challenges, partnered with STEM.org to rank America's Best STEM High Schools. They found schools in every region of the country that offer skilled teachers who keep up with developments in these fields and who create dynamic learning environments to engage their students.

For more information Academic Magnet's latest honor, contact Principal Catherine Spencer at (843) 746-1300.

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**About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.