



LAUDERDALE LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

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Lauderdale Lakes Middle School Named Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America

Lauderdale Lakes Middle School has been named a Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America, the national association for magnet and theme-based schools, marking the first time the school has received the national distinction. The award recognizes schools demonstrating high academic standards, innovative instructional practices, and equitable access to magnet programs.

Lauderdale Lakes Middle School is a proud **International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) magnet school** committed to developing globally minded, critical thinkers through rigorous, student-centered instruction. The magnet theme emphasizes academic excellence, inquiry-based learning, and real-world application, ensuring students are prepared for an ever-changing world. Our Magnet Coordinator, Ms. Stacey Toppin, works intentionally to keep our magnet program running with precision and purpose.

The national honor follows a significant state milestone. In 2025, the school earned an improved grade of “B” from the Florida Department of Education, its first improved rating since 2010.

“I’m incredibly proud to share this accomplishment with our school community. This recognition validates the intentional work of our teachers, the resilience of our students, and our unwavering commitment to ensuring every student has access to a high-quality education,” said Principal Linda Lopez. “We are honored to receive this award and energized to continue raising the bar for what’s possible for every student we serve.”

Presentation of Excellence Award:

Ms. Linda Lopez will be recognized and receive a Magnet School of Excellence Award on behalf of the school during an awards ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America's National Conference April 14-17, 2026, in San Diego.

To receive a national merit award, members of Magnet Schools of America must submit a detailed application that is scored by a panel of educators. These schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school's magnet theme.

To learn more about the national merit awards program, please visit www.magnet.edu.