



CREC Reggio Magnet School of the Arts

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CREC Reggio Magnet School of the Arts Named National Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America

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CREC Reggio Magnet School of the Arts has been named a National Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America, the national association for magnet and theme-based schools.

Reggio Magnet School of the Arts was created to reduce the racial, ethnic, and socio-economic isolation of the Greater Hartford Area. Reggio students are encouraged to control the direction of their learning, as inspired by the Reggio Emilia Philosophy. Reggio educators assess each child to design a customized program to ensure success. Parents are involved in every aspect of the curriculum, as they are their child's first teacher. Multiculturalism is celebrated throughout the school as students explore the learning opportunities provided by our diverse population. Instruction is rigorous and differentiated to meet each student at the appropriate level to foster growth and love of learning.

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.

The Executive Director of Magnet Schools of America, Todd Mann and President, Sara Wheeler will present the award on Friday, April 28, 2017. To learn more about the national merit awards program, please visit www.magnet.edu