

## CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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## Two CCSD schools named finalists for highest Magnet Schools of America recognition

Cashman Middle School and Clark High School earned top-scoring merit award applications

LAS VEGAS – Magnet Schools of America (MSA) announced that two Clark County School District (CCSD) schools, James Cashman Middle School and Ed W. Clark High School, earned top-scoring MSA award applications that qualified them to be in the running for recognition as the nation's top Magnet School in their respective categories. Out of more than 300 submissions across the country, six were selected as finalists. Officials from MSA will visit both schools at the end of the month before making a final decision on the top national winner, which will be announced at MSA's 34th National Conference in May.

Both Cashman Middle School and Clark High School recently received 2015-16 MSA Magnet School of Excellence Awards, which is the top merit award category given to a select group of Magnet Schools across the nation that have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in all facets of the merit award application.

Cashman Middle School is home to the Academy of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, which provides students with project-based learning and a hands-on approach in a curriculum that integrates the three subjects in extended building blocks, fostering communication and collaboration to enhance achievement.

With a mission to educate and inspire students for college and career readiness, Clark High School offers three Magnet programs that focus on specialized areas of study: the Academy of Finance (AOF); the Academy for Math, Science, Arts and Technology (AMSAT); and the Teacher Education Academy at Clark High (TEACH). All three programs each received a 2015-16 MSA Magnet School of Excellence Award.

This school year, CCSD earned a record 25 merit awards from MSA. To view the list of CCSD schools that received merit awards and to learn more about MSA, visit magnet.edu.

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