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Stilwell School of the Arts Earns National Magnet School Certification

Becomes the first magnet school in Georgia to earn national certification

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to announce that Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts has been named a Nationally Certified Magnet School by the Magnet Schools of America (MSA) organization. Stilwell is the first school in the state of Georgia to be named a Nationally Certified Magnet School.

“This is wonderful news,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent of Schools. “I commend the students and staff of Stilwell School of the Arts for their dedication to excellence and their commitment to high performance. This certification is evidence of both.”

To become nationally certified, Stilwell School of the Arts had to submit a detailed application and participate in a rigorous evaluation conducted by the [National Institute for Magnet School Leadership \(NIMSL\)](#). The evaluation is based on the Magnet School Standards of Excellence and the Five Pillars of Magnet Schools: 1) Diversity, 2) Innovative Curriculum and Professional Development, 3) Academic Excellence, 4) High Quality Instructional Systems and 5) Family and Community Partnerships.

“Our students deserve access to an excellent education that prepares them for the future,” said Dr. Michael Robinson, Principal of Stilwell School of the Arts. “As a Nationally Certified Magnet School, we are proud to provide that opportunity.”

About Magnet Schools of America

Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is a national nonprofit professional education association dedicated to providing leadership for high quality innovative programs that promote choice equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving almost 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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