

# Apple Distinguished Schools Overview

## 2019–2022



We believe Apple Distinguished Schools are some of the most innovative schools in the world. They're centres of leadership and educational excellence that demonstrate our vision of exemplary learning environments. They use Apple products to inspire student creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Leadership in our recognised schools cultivate environments in which students are excited about learning, curiosity is fostered, and learning is a personal experience.



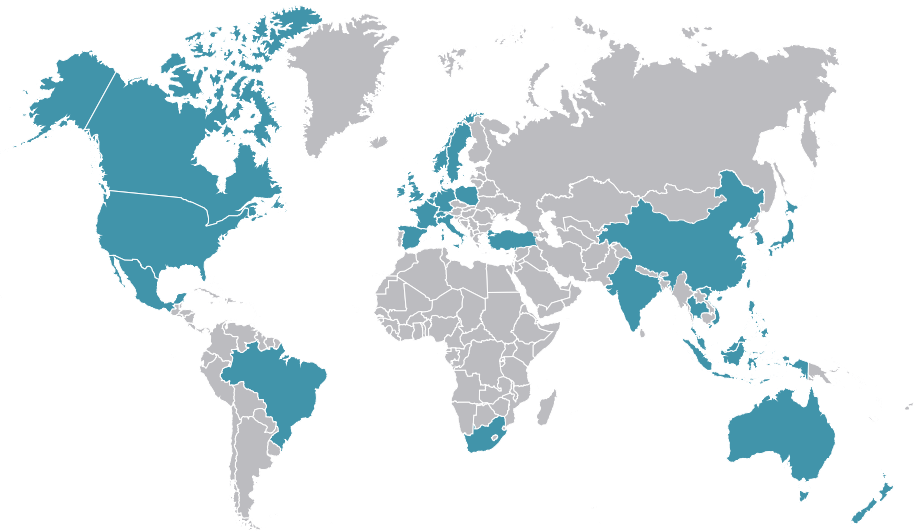




## Apple Distinguished Schools Around the World

Join the growing community of more than 400 Apple Distinguished Schools in 34 countries. The Apple Distinguished Schools programme supports school leaders through leadership events, opportunities to engage with experts, and collaboration with peers who share an interest in sustaining an innovative learning and teaching environment.

In Apple Distinguished Schools, learning experiences are active, personal, collaborative, and relevant—designed to empower learners to be creators who believe their work matters. Teaching is celebrated and inspired by a growth mindset and a school culture that supports the teacher as a learning experience designer. The environment is reliable and dynamic, and it inspires innovative learning and teaching.



**Countries:** Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) United States, and Vietnam

## Requirements

### Established one-to-one programme

A one-to-one Mac or iPad programme for students and faculty has been in place for more than two academic years. All students in a school use Apple devices as their primary learning device, and all teachers use Apple devices as their primary teaching device.

### Innovative use of the Apple platform

Faculty deeply integrates Apple apps (Photos, iMovie, GarageBand, Pages, Keynote, Numbers, iBooks Author, and Clips), educational apps from the App Store, books from Apple Books, and other digital resources into the curriculum.

### Faculty proficiency with iPad or Mac

Teachers are highly proficient in the use of Apple products. For K–12 schools in countries where Apple Teacher is available, 75 percent of teachers in a school must be recognised as Apple Teachers before the Apple Distinguished School application deadline. For higher education staff, Apple Teacher recognition is recommended. To learn more about becoming an Apple Teacher, visit [www.apple.com/ie/education/apple-teacher](http://www.apple.com/ie/education/apple-teacher).

### Documented results

Evidence of student success is documented through school-based research practices that measure year-to-year improvement and programme sustainability. Staff and students demonstrate how best practices in learning and teaching are continuously evolving with Apple technology.

## Benefits

- School plaque and banner that acknowledge recognition as an Apple Distinguished School
- Programme logo artwork to use on the school website and in print materials
- Congratulatory letter from Apple
- School name, location, and brief description on the Apple Distinguished Schools web page
- Consideration for inclusion in Apple communications
- Opportunities for school leaders to engage with experts and collaborate with peers
- Opportunities to participate in Field Trip events hosted at a nearby Apple Store (where available)

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Apple Distinguished Schools are willing to engage in Apple-hosted school site visits, publish the school's success story, and share best practices and evidence of student academic success.



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## Request an Invitation

Participation in the Apple Distinguished Schools programme is by invitation only. Recognition is for three years, with the opportunity to renew during each invitation period.

### **K–12 schools**

School leaders from K–12 public and private schools can request an invitation to apply from their local Apple Education representative. Apple reviews all requests to ensure that schools meet the current programme qualifications. Qualified schools then receive an invitation to complete the application process. Your local Apple Education representative will provide additional information on the application process, deadlines and evaluation criteria.

### **Higher and further education institutions**

Contact your local Apple Education representative for additional information about programme details, requirements, eligible countries, and deadlines.

