Apple Distinguished Schools

Inspire | Imagine | Impact

2023–2026 Overview

Centers of leadership and educational excellence

We believe Apple Distinguished Schools are some of the most innovative schools in the world. They demonstrate Apple's vision for learning with technology — using Apple products to connect students to the world, fuel creativity, deepen collaboration, and make learning personal.

The Apple Distinguished Schools program supports forward-thinking education leaders and their communities who are using Apple technology to inspire, imagine, and impact teaching and learning.

What makes your school eligible

Established one-to-one program

A one-to-one iPad or Mac program for students and educators in two or more grades within the school has been in place for more than two academic years. All students and educators use Apple devices as their primary learning or teaching device.

Innovative use of the Apple platform

Students and educators deeply integrate Apple apps, educational apps from the App Store, and other digital resources into the curriculum to create new opportunities for learning.

Leadership and faculty proficiency with iPad or Mac

Leadership and faculty are highly proficient in the use of Apple products and regularly use them to innovate in the school.

Continuous innovation leadership team

The school has an established leadership team that is dedicated to advancing the vision of learning in the school. The team must include the head of school, a district leader, a technology leader, a teacher leader, and at least one other leader in the school who is focused on continuous innovation.

What makes your school stand out

Alignment to the Apple Distinguished Schools rubric

The rubric drives the school's work toward continuous innovation in teaching and learning and is used as a tool to measure the school's progress in becoming an Apple Distinguished School.

Inspire

The school inspires students to lead, learn, and thrive in our dynamic world.

Imagine

The school empowers learners to discover new possibilities and solutions.

Impact

The school commits to leaving the world better than you found it.

Being an Apple Distinguished School

As part of the Apple Distinguished Schools program, you will:

- Collaborate with a worldwide leadership network of like-minded peers.
- Be eligible to participate in engaging, relevant, and innovative professional learning opportunities.
- Engage with the Apple Education team.
- Receive exclusive program communications and invitations to leadership events.
- Receive the Apple Distinguished School logo artwork to use in your communication materials.
- Be included in the Apple Distinguished Schools Worldwide Directory.
- Receive framed and digital versions of a personalized Apple Distinguished School certificate.
- Receive exclusive communications about new programs and products.

What's expected as an Apple Distinguished School

- Continuously innovate and explore cutting-edge opportunities for using Apple technology to design the future of education.
- Engage with Apple and a worldwide network of school leaders to investigate and support the integration of new education products, curriculum, and services.
- Inspire others through hosting school site visits and showcasing your school's ongoing success within and outside the community.
- Participate in Apple Distinguished Schools events, programming, and networking activities.

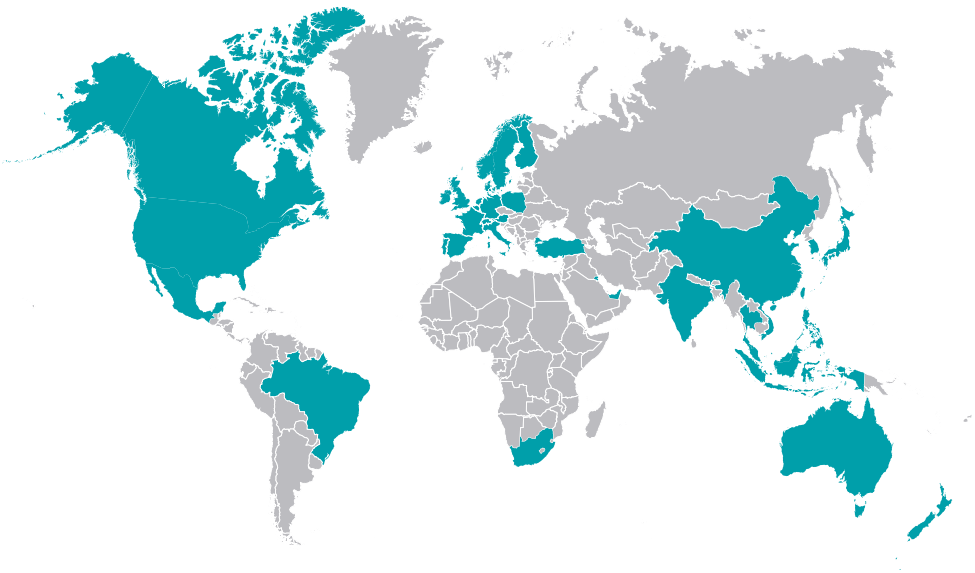
"Being an Apple Distinguished School is an amazing window to discover a world full of opportunities where creativity, innovation, connection, and success always stand out."

Paola Lezama, Principal, Colegio Washington Querétaro, México

More about becoming an Apple Distinguished School

The Apple Distinguished Schools program is by invitation only for accredited public and private schools that meet the program qualification and eligibility requirements. Recognition is for three years, with an opportunity to be invited to continue in the program.

Contact your local Apple education representative or email adsprogramsea@apple.com for program details, requirements, eligible countries, and deadlines. Apple reviews all requests to ensure that schools meet the current program qualifications.



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