



# Apple Distinguished Schools: Centres of Leadership and Educational Excellence

2021–2024 Overview

## Designing the Future Together

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 School programme supports forward-thinking education leaders and their communities who are using Apple technology to make positive change in their schools. They take an innovative approach toward learning and teaching. They are highly motivated thought leaders who see what’s possible for the future of education and are invested in achieving the vision.



## What makes your school eligible

### Established one-to-one programme

A one-to-one iPad or Mac schoolwide program for students and educators has been in place for more than two academic years at the school. 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, books from Apple Books, and other digital resources into the curriculum to create new opportunities for learning.

### Faculty proficiency with iPad or Mac

Leadership and educators are highly proficient in the use of Apple products. For K–12 schools, in countries where Apple Teacher is available, 75 percent of leadership and educators in the school must be recognised as an Apple Teacher. For higher education faculty, Apple Teacher recognition is recommended. To learn more about becoming an Apple Teacher, visit [apple.com/za/education/apple-teacher](https://apple.com/za/education/apple-teacher).

### Documented success

Established, ongoing investigative practices use a variety of data, including existing measures or site-based studies, to measure the progress, success, and next steps of the school's technology program. Multiple measures of success are used to inform instruction and professional learning.

## What makes your school stand out

### Vision

As a leader, you set the vision that captures your school's aspirations for learning with technology and use it to guide your school.

### Learning

Students and educators in your school use Apple technology to design and engage in innovative learning that's connected, collaborative, creative, and personal.

### Success

A practice of data-informed reflection informs learning and teaching and progress toward your school's vision.

**“Being a member of the Apple Distinguished School community has been transformational for us. The opportunities for our faculty and students to collaborate and share inspires and challenges us. Each day we are more empowered to tell our story to the world.”**

Joe Rodia, Head of School, Chesterbrook Academy Preschool and Elementary, Pennsylvania

# Being an Apple Distinguished School

## As part of the Apple Distinguished School programme

- You'll collaborate with a worldwide leadership network of like-minded peers
- You'll engage with the Apple Education team
- You'll receive exclusive invitations to leadership events

## How you'll be recognised as an Apple Distinguished School

- Appearance in the [Apple Distinguished Schools](#) directory
- Framed, personalised Apple Distinguished School certificate and a banner
- Apple Distinguished School logo artwork to use in communication materials
- Congratulatory letter from Apple Education
- Personalised Apple Teacher certificates
- Exclusive communications about new programmes 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 by hosting school site visits and showcase your school's ongoing success in a published success story, as well as through video, books, podcasts, or other materials.

**"The process provided our school with an opportunity to reflect on our renaissance mindset. It helped craft opportunities to connect, reflect, and celebrate both student and teacher success."**

Damien Moses, Principal, Edward W. Bok Academy,  
Lake Wales, Florida

## More about becoming an Apple Distinguished School

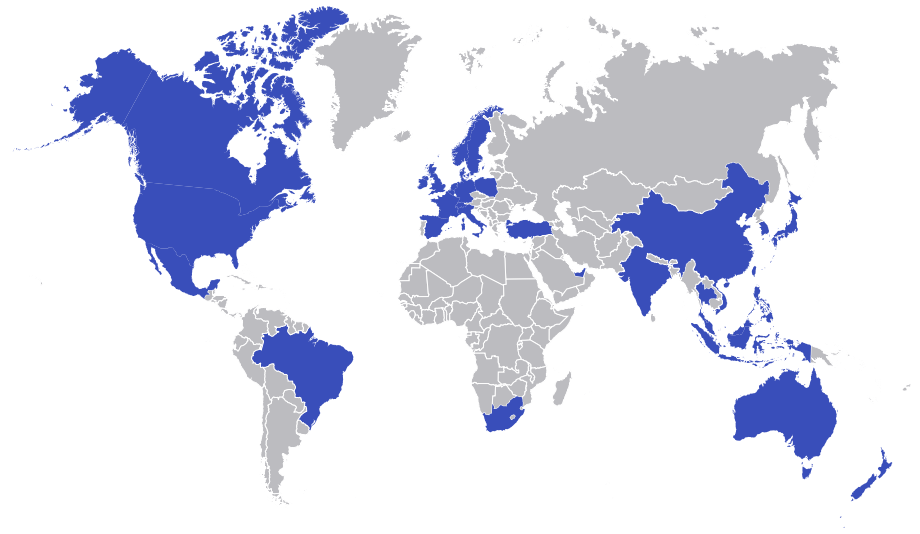
The Apple Distinguished Schools programme is by invitation only for accredited public and private schools that meet the programme qualification and eligibility requirements. Recognition is for three years, with an opportunity to be invited to continue in the programme.

Contact your local Apple education representative for programme details, requirements, eligible countries, and deadlines. Apple reviews all requests to ensure that schools meet the current programme qualifications.

**“Leadership teams should highlight what makes their school unique. Focus on what you are doing well, and how that has improved teaching and learning in your school. Include a number of people in the brainstorming process to share their experiences.”**

Dr. Jeana Lietz, Principal, Oak Lawn Community High School, Illinois

**We hope you'll join this growing community of more than 500 Apple Distinguished Schools.**



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