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| 1 | Jefferson County, Irondale, AL | 51 | Yorktown, Arlington, VA |
| 2 | International Academy, Bloomfield Hills, MI | 52 | Enloe, Raleigh, NC |
| 3 | Stanton College Prep, Jacksonville, FL | 53 | Miami Palmetto, Miami, FL |
| 4 | Eastside, Gainesville FL | 54 | Spruce Creek, Port Orange, FL |
| 5 | H-B Woodlawn, Arlington, VA | 55 | Wyoming, OH |
| 6 | Science/Engineering Magnet, Dallas, TX | 56 | North Mecklenburg, Huntersville, NC |
| 7 | Paxon, Jacksonville, FL | 57 | Monta Vista, Cupertino, CA |
| 8 | Pensacola, FL | 58 | Booker T. Washington, Tulsa, OK |
| 9 | Raleigh Charter, Raleigh, NC | 59 | Mills University Studies, Little Rock, AR |
| 10 | Hillsborough, Tampa, FL | 60 | Oxnard, CA |
| 11 | Richard Montgomery, Rockville, MD | 61 | Alabama School of Fine Arts, Birmingham, AL |
| 12 | Highland Park, Dallas, TX | 62 | Warwick, Newport News, VA |
| 13 | Coral Reef, Miami, FL | 63 | Fort Myers, FL |
| 14 | Jericho, NY | 64 | Vandermeulen, Port Jefferson, NY |
| 15 | McNair Academic, Jersey City, NJ | 65 | Indian Hill, Cincinnati, OH |
| 16 | Cold Spring Harbor, NY | 66 | Marine & Science Tech, Miami, CA |
| 17 | Wootton, Rockville, MD | 67 | Grimsley, Greensboro, NC |
| 18 | Atlantic Community, Delray Beach, FL | 68 | University Park Campus, Worcester, MA |
| 19 | Eastern Sierra Academy, Bridgeport, CA | 69 | Plant, Tampa, FL |
| 20 | Dreyfoos School of the Arts, West Palm Beach, FL | 70 | Gunn, Palo Alto, CA |
| 21 | Troy, Fullerton, CA | 71 | Churchill, Potomac, MD |
| 22 | Great Neck South, Great Neck, NY | 72 | Westlake, Austin, TX |
| 23 | George Mason, Falls Church, VA | 73 | Miller Place, NY |
| 24 | Interlake, Bellevue, WA | 74 | Chapel Hill, NC |
| 25 | Harding University, Charlotte, NC | 75 | Sumner Academy, Kansas City, KS |
| 26 | Edgemont, Scarsdale, NY | 76 | Westwood, Austin, TX |
| 27 | Wilson Magnet, Rochester, NY | 77 | W. T. White, Dallas, TX |
| 28 | Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies, CA | 78 | Pittsford Sutherland, Pittsford, NY |
| 29 | Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Bethesda, MD | 79 | Lake Brantley, Altamonte Springs, FL |
| 30 | Manhasset, NY | 80 | Walter Johnson, Bethesda, MD |
| 31 | Lincoln Park, Chicago, IL | 81 | Classen School of Advanced Studies, Ok. City, OK |
| 32 | Newport, Bellevue, WA | 82 | Torrey Pines, San Diego, CA |
| 33 | Design & Architecture, Miami, FL | 83 | Palm Harbor University, Palm Harbor, FL |
| 34 | W.T. Woodson, Fairfax, VA | 84 | Robinson, Fairfax, VA |
| 35 | St. Petersburg, FL | 85 | Wheatley, Old Westbury, NY |
| 36 | King, Tampa, FL | 86 | Stevenson, Lincolnshire, IL |
| 37 | Myers Park, Charlotte, NC | 87 | Clarke County, Berryville, VA |
| 38 | East Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC | 88 | Butler, Matthews, NC |
| 39 | Pittsford Mendon, Pittsford, NY | 89 | Cocoa Beach, FL |
| 40 | Science Academy of South Texas, Mercedes, TX | 90 | High Technology, Lincroft, NJ |

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| 41 | Bellevue, WA | 91 | Ridge, Basking Ridge, NJ |
| 42 | Greeley, Chappaqua, NY | 92 | Washington, Denver, CO |
| 43 | Great Neck North, Great Neck, NY | 93 | Cresskill, NJ |
| 44 | Washington-Lee, Arlington, VA | 94 | Chantilly, VA |
| 45 | South Side, Rockville Centre, NY | 95 | Chagrin Falls, OH |
| 46 | Banneker, Washington, D.C. | 96 | Briarcliff, Briarcliff Manor, NY |
| 47 | Brighton, Rochester, NY | 97 | Rye Neck, Mamaroneck, NY |
| 48 | Metro Academic & Classical, St. Louis, MO | 98 | Bronxville, Bronxville, NY |
| 49 | Dobbs Ferry, NY | 99 | Pikesville, Baltimore, MD |
| 50 | Langley, McLean, VA | 100 | Grapevine, TX |

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