

# SMART Exemplary Schools

Inspiring greatness by building connections that matter
Program overview

## A global community of innovation

Leading educational technology companies, such as Apple, Google, and SMART Technologies, work to identify schools around the globe that are **developing innovative practices** for implementing **technology** to **improve teaching and learning**.

SMART awards the SMART Exemplary School designation to schools that demonstrate innovative leadership in **using educational technology** to deliver **positive learning outcomes**.



Participating schools become part of a community of like-minded institutions and educators who are committed to sharing insights, strategies, and successes, fostering a collaborative culture of continuous growth and improvement.

The SMART Exemplary Schools program is by invitation only for schools and education organizations that meet the program qualification and eligibility requirements.

### **Program recognition**

### The SMART Exemplary Schools program includes two types of recognition:

- ★ SMART Exemplary Schools
- **★** SMART Showcase Schools



"Being part of the SMART Exemplary
Schools program provides access to a
supportive network of educators and
leaders who share best practices and
collaborate on effective strategies.
Additionally, the program enhances our
professional development, empowering
teachers with the skills needed to
engage students in dynamic and
impactful ways."

Dr. Marim El-Fayoumi, Principal, Al Firdous Private School, Oman

### **SMART Exemplary Schools**

SMART Exemplary Schools are recognized for their purposeful vision in using educational technology to enhance student outcomes. These schools have demonstrated a clear commitment to implementing SMART's products to foster innovative teaching practices and improve learning experiences. School leaders have aligned and informed their digital strategy through the use of the EdTech Assessment Tool.

This recognition validates the school's strategic vision for technology integration and its beneficial effect on student outcomes. It places the school within a network of forward-thinking educators and institutions, providing access to exclusive training, support, and professional development opportunities. This award helps schools gain visibility and credibility as leaders in educational innovation.



## **SMART Exemplary Schools**



### **Characteristics of SMART Exemplary Schools**

- Innovative use of educational technology throughout the school
- Passionate school leadership committed to purposeful implementation of technology
- Use of SMART's <u>EdTech Assessment Tool</u> to inform their digital strategy
- Active participation in professional learning and SMART communities

### **Distinctions SMART Exemplary Schools receive**

- Global recognition opportunities, including a customized plaque
- Access to SMART's community of innovative SMART Exemplary Schools around the world
- Continuing professional learning opportunities to ensure staff are well-equipped to use SMART's products to improve learning outcomes

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### **SMART Showcase Schools**

The SMART Showcase School recognition is the **highest tier**, awarded to institutions that **exemplify best practices in integrating SMART solutions**. These schools not only achieve **excellence in using technology** to improve outcomes but also serve as **role models** and **training grounds** for other schools, demonstrating effective alignment with instructional practices.



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Showcase Schools gain **prestige** and **influence** as thought leaders in the education community. The award enables them to **share** their successes, **host** educators from other institutions, and contribute to **shaping the future** of SMART products and strategies.

This recognition brings the distinction of being a flagship school that helps **elevate instructional practices** on a global scale, all while deepening engagement with the latest advancements in educational technology.



## Characteristics of SMART Showcase Schools

#### Innovative use of SMART solutions

- Strategic implementation and use of SMART education products (interactive displays or Lumio) to improve teaching, learning, and student outcomes at a campus or system-wide level.
- Develops and shares innovative practices for using SMART products to enhance teaching and learning.

### Visionary leadership

- Senior school leadership has developed a thoughtful vision for implementing SMART products to achieve meaningful educational outcomes and support personalized, studentcentered learning, including use of the <u>Ed-Tech</u> <u>Assessment Tool</u> to build this vision.
- School leaders use data-driven practices and regular assessments of technology's effectiveness on student learning and outcomes.
- Senior school leadership support for becoming a SMART Showcase School.
- An identified SMART Showcase School lead.

#### Focus on ongoing professional learning

- Educators actively engage in sharing insights, strategies, and successes of using SMART products to foster a collaborative culture of continuous growth
- School leadership provides regular professional development sessions dedicated to effective use of SMART products.
- Active teacher participation in SMART
   professional learning (webinars, coursework, etc.)
- At least 25% of teachers are <u>SMART</u>
   <u>Ambassadors</u>

#### Showcase excellence with SMART

- Willingness to facilitate and host SMART customers visits to the school and be a SMART reference
- Willingness to support SMART activities such as case studies, success stories, webinars, blogs, videos, and conferences
- Regularly share their SMART experiences on social media using #WeAreSMART and #GoLumio



## Distinctions SMART Showcase Schools receive

### **Global Recognition**

- A recognition plaque acknowledging the SMART Showcase School designation
- Access to a SMART Showcase School logo for use in documentation
- Opportunities for local and global recognition through SMART collateral and activities, such as case studies, blogs, projects, and events
- Featured in local and global communications, such as press releases, social media, and website features

### **Professional Learning**

- Access to "train the trainer" professional development
- School members are invited to participate and be spotlighted in SMART events

### **Innovative Community**

- Ability to contribute to and access exclusive SMART Exemplary Schools group within the larger SMART Ambassador community
- Opportunities to collaborate with product developers, including sharing feedback, previewing future product development, and participating in pilot projects
- Opportunities to share successes and best practices with other schools globally



