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## **WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORED BY HP, INTEL & DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AS 2017 SCHOOL OF TECHXCELLENCE**

District Administration magazine is honoring 19 schools and districts in math instruction and makerspace initiatives as part of the new Schools of TechXcellence program. This is the inaugural round of honorees for this new national recognition program.

TechXcellence was created by District Administration magazine, in conjunction with HP and Intel, to recognize schools that have implemented innovative, effective and replicable technology programs that contribute meaningfully to student or operational success. The June 2017 honorees were selected by the program's judges from numerous nominations, and reflect programs that demonstrate effective and replicable success.

The 19 schools and districts honored in this round of TechXcellence—from 14 states—have launched math instruction and makerspace programs that incorporate technology powered by Intel, including laptops, tablets and 3D printers.

West Middle School is being recognized for its “7 Math Plus” program, which uses project-based learning to inspire students who struggle with math. When the initiative began in 2015, only 40 percent of 60 struggling students had passed state assessments; at the end of the school year, the pass rate had increased to 90 percent.

The West Middle School initiative underscores the importance of embracing technology as part of the education process moving forward in the 21st century.

“What these stories tell us is that innovation may be powered by the latest devices and applications, but it is fueled by the creativity, vision and drive of teachers, principals and district leaders,” says JD Solomon, editorial director at District Administration magazine. “We hope our readers are inspired by the integration of technology demonstrated by these honorees to launch similar initiatives in their own schools.”

To view a full list of honorees and to learn how to apply for future rounds of TechXcellence, visit [www.districtadministration.com/techx](http://www.districtadministration.com/techx).

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