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**9 US Schools Moved Forward in ARISS Selection Process**

September 10, 2019 — Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is pleased to announce the schools/host organizations selected for the first half of 2020. A total of 9 of the submitted proposals during the recent proposal window have been accepted to move forward in the processes of planning to host a scheduled amateur radio contact with crew on the ISS. The primary goal of the ARISS program is to engage young people in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) activities and raise their awareness of space communications, radio communications, space exploration, and related areas of study and career possibilities.

The ARISS program anticipates that NASA will be able to provide scheduling opportunities for the 9 US host organizations during the January to June 2020 time period. They are now at work completing an acceptable equipment plan that demonstrates their ability to execute the ham radio contact. Once their equipment plan is approved by the ARISS Technical Mentors, the final selected schools/organizations will be scheduled as their availability and flexibility match up with the scheduling opportunities offered by NASA.

The schools and host organizations are:

Celia Hays Elementary School	Rockwall TX
Golden Gate Middle School	Naples FL
J.P. McConnell Middle School	Loganville GA
Kittredge Magnet School	Atlanta GA
Maple Dale Elementary School	Cincinnati OH
Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt	Nashville TN
Oakwood School	Morgan Hill CA
Ramona Lutheran School	Ramona CA
River Ridge High School	New Port Richey FL

## About ARISS:

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the International Space Station (ISS). In the United States, sponsors are the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the ISS National Lab and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The primary goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEAM) topics by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students in classrooms or public forums. Before and during these radio contacts, students, educators, parents, and communities learn about space, space technologies, and amateur radio. For more information, see [www.ariss.org](http://www.ariss.org).

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