



Duval County Public Schools

Project Name: Dreams Begin Here: the Next Generation

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Number of Schools Served: 8

Number of Students Served: 6,181

Year 1 Funding: \$4,000,000

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) is located in Jacksonville, Florida. Covering a total area of 840 square miles, Jacksonville is the largest city in the contiguous United States in geographic size. DCPS is the 6th-largest school district in Florida and the 15th-largest school district in the United States, currently serving approximately 123,000 students in 164 traditional schools. About 48 percent of DCPS students are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program. DCPS has a highly diverse student population; the enrolled student population in DCPS in 2009-10 was 43 percent Black, 42 percent White, 7 percent Hispanic, 4 percent Asian, 3 percent Multiracial, and less than 1 percent American Indian.

Eight schools in DCPS will receive Magnet Schools Assistance Program funding. These magnet schools and their magnet themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Carter G. Woodson Elementary School	Medical Arts
Jean Ribault Middle School	Early High School
Mayport Elementary School	Coastal Sciences
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Ortega Elementary School	Museum Studies
Southside Middle School	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
Spring Park Elementary School	International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
Woodland Acres Elementary School	Medical Arts

Four of these schools are low-performing, Title I schools that have racial group isolation. By converting these schools to whole-school magnet programs, the district expects to achieve greater diversity and higher academic performance among its students. The remaining four schools (Ortega Elementary School, Mayport Elementary School, Mayport Middle School, and Southside Middle School) were selected to attract and improve academic rigor and instruction for newly recruited students who currently attend lower-performing schools and to reduce racial group isolation in the low-performing sending schools.