



ABC Unified School District

Project Name: Magnet Schools Assistance Program

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Number of Schools Served: 3

Number of Students Served: 1,598

Year 1 Funding: \$2,023,192

The ABC Unified School District (ABCUSD), located in southeastern Los Angeles County in California, serves 20,282 K-12 students (2009-10 school year) who live in the communities of Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, East Lakewood, and part of Long Beach. ABCUSD's enrollment includes 41 percent Asian students and 40 percent Hispanic students. Significant proportions of these two subgroups are relatively recent immigrants; 4,119 students (about 20 percent) are English language learners (ELLs). Because immigrants often settle in homogeneous ethnic neighborhoods where they feel culturally and linguistically comfortable, ABCUSD currently has five elementary sites and one middle school that are identifiably Asian and seven elementary schools and two middle schools that are identifiably Hispanic.

The district will implement three new Magnet Schools Assistance Program-funded magnet schools, each with a different magnet theme, as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Aloha Health Medical Academy	Health Sciences
Nixon Elementary Academy of Multimedia Arts	Visual/Performing Arts and Multimedia
Tetzlaff Middle School Accelerated Learning Academy	Pre-Advanced Placement and Accelerated Learning

Program designs include extensive interventions for ELL students and socioeconomically disadvantaged students who are having difficulty meeting escalating state proficiency standards. Tetzlaff Middle School Accelerated Learning Academy and Nixon Elementary Academy of Multimedia Arts are higher-performing schools that are eligible to receive transfers under the guidelines of the No Child Left Behind Act. Each school will recruit students who are underrepresented on its campus.