



## City School District of Albany

**Project Name:** Magnet Schools Assistance Program

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**Number of Schools Served:** 1

**Number of Students Served:** 2,400

**Year 1 Funding:** \$2,500,000

Albany, the capital of New York, is home to 95,658 residents. The City School District of Albany (CSDA) has been classified by the New York State Education Department as an urban district with high needs. Currently, CSDA has one comprehensive public high school, Albany High School, enrolling 2,271 high school students. As of April 2010, students of races other than White accounted for 78 percent of the school's population.

CSDA will restructure Albany High School into four magnet academies in order to reduce racial group isolation and to improve the academic success of its students. Students in Albany High School will now enroll in one of the four magnet academies funded by the Magnet Schools Assistance Program. Each academy will have a unique theme and will have the capacity to enroll 600 students. The magnet academies and themes are as follows:

| Magnet Academy          | Magnet Theme  |
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| The Citizenship Academy | Effective Communications, Critical Thinking, and Preparation for the Global Community |
| The Discovery Academy   | Communication and the Arts  |
| The Innovation Academy  | Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics                                     |
| The Leadership Academy  | Civic and Social Responsibility   |

The district has been committed to magnet schools since the inception of its three elementary magnet schools in 1990.