



## Champaign Community Unit School District 4

**Project Name:** Magnet School Initiative

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**Number of Schools Served:** 3

**Number of Students Served:** 1,428

**Year 1 Funding:** \$1,728,878

Champaign Community Unit School District 4 (Unit 4) is located in a rural area surrounded by prairie in east central Illinois. The district has 11 elementary, 3 middle, and 3 high schools that together serve 8,824 students. Unit 4 is home to a culturally and socioeconomically diverse community with an ethnic composition that is about 46 percent White, 37 percent African American, 10 percent Asian, and 7 percent Hispanic.

The magnet initiative at Unit 4 is designed to promote diversity, academic achievement, and quality instruction in order to enhance student knowledge and attainment. Unit 4's goal is to equip all students with the career readiness skills they will need in preparation for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace.

The three MSAP-funded schools and their magnet themes are as follows:

| Magnet School                          | Magnet Theme   |
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| Booker T. Washington Elementary School | Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math             |
| Garden Hills Elementary School         | International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program |
| Stratton Elementary School             | Leadership in a Micro Society                          |

Booker T. Washington Elementary plans to create a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Academy that will offer an interdisciplinary, inquiry-based academic program. This program will place a strong emphasis on math and science and will foster the development of each student's critical thinking skills through hands-on study.

Garden Hills Elementary School will offer a rigorous curriculum by establishing an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). The IB PYP curricular framework includes inquiry-based and trans-disciplinary instruction to challenge students; provide consistent meaning to learning experiences; and attend to students' physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs. Students at Garden Hills will have the opportunity to study Chinese culture and Mandarin language. The program will also emphasize the integration of the arts.

Stratton Elementary School's magnet program will integrate cross-curricular content with MicroSociety ventures that allow students to apply learning to real life experiences and develop leadership skills. The MicroSociety program has a research-based framework and a project-based approach that will engage students in hands-on learning and improve achievement for students at various levels.