



Cleveland School District

Project Name: Magnet Schools Assistance Program

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Number of Schools Served: 1

Number of Students Served: 375

Year 1 Funding: \$1,092,899

Cleveland, Mississippi is located in Bolivar County in the Mississippi Delta area. The Cleveland School District (CSD) is the largest school district in Bolivar County and serves 3,530 students, of which the majority is Black. Eighty-one percent of the students are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program.

With Magnet Schools Assistance Program funds, CSD will implement one new magnet program at a closed facility, following the model of the magnet school that has been recognized as one of the leaders in education innovation in the state of Mississippi: Hayes Cooper Center. The newly designed B. L. Bell Academy will offer a magnet theme of mathematics, science, and health education. Inquiry-based instruction will be incorporated into the central curriculum for the magnet program. It is anticipated that the B. L. Bell Academy will serve 375 students by the end of the 3-year grant.