



## Corpus Christi Independent School District

**Project Name:** K-12 Metropolitan Design Project

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**Number of Schools Served:** 2

**Number of Students Served:** 2,700

**Year 1 Funding:** \$2,070,030

Corpus Christi Independent School District (CCISD) is one of the “Big 8” urban school districts in Texas. Located halfway between Houston and the U.S./Mexico border, Corpus Christi is the eighth-largest city in Texas. Approximately 88 percent of Nueces County residents live within the city of Corpus Christi. The ethnic composition of the CCISD student population is about 76 percent Hispanic, 16 percent White, 5 percent Black, and 2 percent Asian and Other.

Using Magnet Schools Assistance Program funds, CCISD will create two magnet programs:

| Magnet School                             | Magnet Theme  |
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| Metropolitan Elementary School of Design  | Fine Arts and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics |
| Metropolitan Preparatory School of Design | Fine Arts and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics |

The Wynn Seale Academy of Fine Arts campus will become the Metropolitan Elementary School of Design (Metro E) and Miller High School will house the Metropolitan Preparatory School of Design (Metro Prep). With this Metropolitan Design magnet project, Wynn Seale will merge with the highly successful Chula Vista Academy of Fine Arts to become a K-6 campus, and Miller High School will scaffold a more sophisticated program of study as the Metropolitan Design strand cycles from 7th to 12th grade.

The reconfiguration of the schools into K-6 and 7-12 smaller learning communities will mean students will have only one transition as they advance from elementary to secondary grades. Metro E and Metro Prep will transform two inner-city schools into urbane, downtown schools with sophistication and polish.

The K-12 Metropolitan Design (MET) program is a new K-12 continuum that strengthens and expands the fine arts through creativity, innovation, and design. This new academic choice for CCISD families combines both creativity and critical thinking as essential 21st-century skills with a strong science and mathematics focus through the arts. The robust arts and humanities focus ensures that students attain college- and career-readiness skills and attributes. The guiding constructs of this program are high-yield instructional strategies, differentiation, the leveraging of technology, and personalized instruction.