



## Desert Sands Unified School District

**Project Name:** DSUSD Magnet Schools Assistance Program, 2010-2013

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**Number of Schools Served:** 2

**Number of Students Served:** 1,410

**Year 1 Funding:** \$1,284,840

The Desert Sands Unified School District (DSUSD) serves the communities of Indio, La Quinta, Indian Wells, Palm Desert, the unincorporated area of Bermuda Dunes, and Rancho Mirage. These communities are located approximately 120 miles east of Los Angeles in the southern California desert. About two-thirds of the local population is of Hispanic background. The Hispanic population runs the gamut from long-established families, most of whom speak English in the home, to recent arrivals, most of whom are English language learners at various stages of acquisition.

DSUSD will use Magnet Schools Assistance Program funds to convert two existing sites in the city of Indio to magnet elementary schools, as listed below:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Carrillo Ranch Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School	Visual and Performing Arts
John F. Kennedy Elementary Math and Science Magnet School	Science and Mathematics

Carrillo Ranch Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School, a state-of-the-art facility built with the intent of creating a school to be converted to a magnet school, will allow all students to participate in visual arts, drama, dance, and music. In addition, upper grade students will learn the skills of audio/visual/technological production. John F. Kennedy Elementary Math and Science Magnet School, extensively modernized in 2009-10, will implement a hands-on science and mathematics magnet school. The science curriculum will focus on physical, life, and earth sciences. John F. Kennedy Elementary Math and Science Magnet School will implement the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol model for instructional delivery, as well as Singapore Mathematics curriculum at all grade levels.

Carrillo Ranch Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School currently enrolls 660 students and John F. Kennedy Elementary Math and Science Magnet School enrolls 550 students in grades K-5. Both schools have space to accept at least 100 out-of-attendance-zone students each and are located near residential areas from which children can be drawn who would increase diversity in the two magnet schools' enrollments.