



Galveston Independent School District

Project Name: Galveston Academic Programs for Equity and Excellence

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Galveston, Texas, in Galveston County, is a barrier island located 46 miles southeast of Houston. Of the original 57,247 residents (2000 Census), approximately 40,000 remained following Hurricane Ike. Galveston Independent School District (GISD) serves 6,444 PreK-12 students, of whom 48 percent are Hispanic, 25 percent are Black, and 77 percent are low income (March 2010). More than one-fourth (nearly 27 percent) of families speak a language other than English, primarily Spanish. In 2009-10, GISD had 1,004 bilingual or English as a Second Language students and 974 limited-English-proficient (LEP) students. While 86 percent of the LEP students speak Spanish, 17 languages are represented.

GISD's Magnet Schools Assistance Program project targets new, rapidly growing racially isolated groups. GISD will establish three new magnet elementary schools: Early Childhood University at Weis, Greta Oppe Elementary School, and Parker Elementary School. It will also establish one new magnet middle school, Central Middle School. In addition, it will significantly revise an existing magnet program at L. A. Morgan Elementary School. LEP students are concentrated at L. A. Morgan Elementary School, which provides two-way immersion, and at Greta Oppe Elementary School, which features a bilingual program. The schools and magnet themes are listed below:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Central Middle School	Media Arts and Technology
Early Childhood University at Weis	Problem Based Learning
Greta Oppe Elementary School	Coastal Studies
L.A. Morgan Elementary School	Science and Engineering
Parker Elementary School	International Studies