



Glendale Unified School District

Project Name: Magnet Schools Assistance Program of Glendale

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Number of Schools Served: 3

Number of Students Served: 2,378

Year 1 Funding: \$2,668,758

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) in California comprises 31 schools serving 27,000 students in grades K-12. Currently struggling with the effects of the state’s economic crisis, GUSD will use the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant to offer new opportunities to students through the Foreign Language Academy of Glendale program (FLAG). MSAP will fund three magnet school programs, as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Benjamin Franklin International FLAG	International Languages and Cultures
Mark Keppel Visual and Performing Arts and Korean FLAG Magnet	Visual/Performing Arts and Korean FLAG
Thomas Edison Advanced Technology and Spanish FLAG Magnet	Advanced Technology and Spanish FLAG

All FLAG schools aim for students to obtain fluency and proficiency in another language, as demonstrated through their listening, speaking, reading, and writing abilities. In addition, Thomas Edison Advanced Technology and Spanish FLAG Magnet will use technology both as a mode of learning and as a means of intellectual exploration and creative expression. The school strives for its students to become skilled in technological literacy, creative problem solving, communication, collaboration, and cross-cultural relationship building. Benjamin Franklin International FLAG will implement dual immersion programs in international languages and cultures. Mark Keppel Visual and Performing Arts and Korean FLAG Magnet will teach visual and performing arts as discrete skills and will integrate them into the curriculum as vehicles of instruction. Students will demonstrate knowledge, skills, and/or attitudes related to visual and performing arts through artistic and creative expression; historical and cultural contexts; aesthetic valuing; and connections, relationships, and applications.

Benjamin Franklin International FLAG and Mark Keppel Visual and Performing Arts and Korean FLAG Magnet are both high-performing schools. In 2010, Benjamin Franklin International FLAG was named a Title I Achieving School and a California Distinguished School; additionally, the school has applied for National Blue Ribbon honors pending its 2010 assessment results. Mark Keppel Visual and Performing Arts and Korean FLAG Magnet has also been identified as a California Distinguished School. The magnet program will maximize opportunities for students from lower-performing schools to attend higher-performing schools.