



Hillsborough County Public Schools

Project Name: Hillsborough Magnet Schools Assistance Program

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Number of Schools Served: 4

Number of Students Served: 3,061

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Hillsborough County, Florida is approximately the size of Rhode Island; it includes a large urban city (Tampa) and several outlying municipalities and communities. Hillsborough County is economically, ethnically, and linguistically diverse, with 25 percent of families speaking a language other than English. Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) is the eighth-largest school district in the nation, serving more than 191,000 students. Currently more than half (57 percent) of all students are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program. As of February 2010, the student population of HCPS was about 41 percent White, 29 percent Hispanic, 22 percent Black, 5 percent Multiracial, and 3 percent Asian.

The Hillsborough Magnet Schools Assistance Program will improve the quality of instruction and reduce racial group isolation in the schools. The four Magnet Schools Assistance Program-funded schools and themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Charlie Walker Middle Magnet School	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
Lockhart Elementary Magnet School	Creative Science Centre
Nathan B. Young Middle Magnet School	Creative Science Centre
Roland Park K-8 School	International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme

The Hillsborough Magnet Schools Assistance Program will revise two existing magnet programs and create two whole-school magnet programs. The two schools being significantly revised are Charlie Walker Middle Magnet School and Lockhart Elementary Magnet School. Lockhart Elementary Magnet School, currently a global, performing arts magnet school, will be reconstituted into a creative science center lower-campus in conjunction with the adjoining upper-campus at the Nathan B. Young Middle Magnet School. The two traditional schools creating whole-school programs are Charlie Walker Middle Magnet School and Roland Park K-8 School.