



Houston Independent School District

Project Name: New Horizons Project

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Number of Schools Served: 5

Number of Students Served: 3,783

Year 1 Funding: \$3,736,835

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) is the largest public school system in Texas and the seventh largest in the United States. It serves a K-12 student population of 190,317 students (October 2009), with a racial/ethnic composition of nearly 60 percent Hispanic students, 28 percent Black students, 8 percent White students, and 3 percent Asian students. Nearly one-third of the students have limited English proficiency, and 93 percent are in Title I programs (2009-10 school year).

Five high-need campuses in HISD have been selected for participation in the New Horizons Project. Two schools, Garden Oaks Elementary School and Jesse H. Jones High School, are implementing new magnet programs. Three schools (Julius Dodson Elementary and Montessori School, Tina E. Whidby Elementary School, and Walter W. Fondren Middle School) are significantly revising their magnet programs. The Magnet Schools Assistance Program-funded New Horizons Project schools and magnet themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Garden Oaks Elementary School	Montessori and Environmental Science
Jesse H. Jones High School	Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Leadership
Julius Dodson Elementary and Montessori School	Montessori
Tina E. Whidby Elementary School	Health Sciences and Leadership
Walter W. Fondren Middle School	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme and Leadership