



## Independent School District 197

**Project Name:** Magnet Schools Assistance Program

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**Number of Schools Served:** 3

**Number of Students Served:** 1,690

**Year 1 Funding:** \$2,211,380

Independent School District 197 is located in the northern part of Dakota County on the urban fringe of St. Paul, Minnesota. The district's 4,379 students are served by one high school, two middle schools, and five elementary schools located in West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, and the northwestern section of Eagan. The district also serves the communities of Lilydale, Sunfish Lake, and Mendota, plus a corner of Inver Grove Heights. People of particular racial and ethnic groups live in various places throughout the district; in West St. Paul, the dominant immigrant group is Hispanic, while in Eagan there are larger numbers of immigrant families from Asia and Africa.

One middle school and two elementary schools will be funded by the Magnet Schools Assistance Program. The schools and magnet themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Heritage E-STEM Magnet School	Environment and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Moreland Arts and Health Sciences Magnet School	Arts and Health Sciences
Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Each school is developing community partnerships with businesses and organizations in nearby areas. Heritage E-STEM Magnet School in West St. Paul is partnering with Dodge Nature Center. Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School in Eagan is partnering with Lockheed Martin. Moreland Arts and Health Sciences Magnet School in West St. Paul is partnering with esteemed organizations in the arts and fitness/health fields. All three schools will emphasize rigorous, standards-based instruction; use an inquiry-based instructional model and interdisciplinary curriculum; and feature engaging, hands-on projects and active learning environments.

The desegregation goals are to reduce the racial group isolation of Hispanic students at Heritage E-STEM Magnet School and Moreland Arts and Health Sciences Magnet School and to eliminate the racial group isolation of Black and Asian students at Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School.