



Lafayette Parish School System

Project Name: Promoting Rigor and Interest through Developing Excellence

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Number of Schools Served: 4

Number of Students Served: 3,116

Year 1 Funding: \$3,941,306

Lafayette Parish School System serves 28,562 students attending 40 schools in Lafayette, Louisiana. White students constitute about 52 percent of the student population, while Black students constitute 43 percent (as of October 2009). About 76 percent of the students attending the schools being funded by the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program.

Lafayette Parish School System will implement PRIDE—**P**romoting **R**igor and **I**nterest through **D**eveloping **E**xcellence—in four MSAP-funded magnet schools. PRIDE has three goals. The first is to increase racial and socioeconomic diversity in segregated schools; the second is to increase academic performance in underserved schools; and the third is to create and sustain magnet schools that expand academic choices for students. The four schools and magnet themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Carencro Middle School	Life and Biosciences
David Thibodaux Career and Technical High School	Project Lead the Way Biomedical Program and Hospitality/Tourism
J. W. Faulk Elementary School	International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
Paul Breaux Middle School	World Languages and Culture

David Thibodaux Career and Technical High School and J. W. Faulk Elementary School will implement whole-school programs, while Carencro Middle School and Paul Breaux Middle School will implement partial-school academies into their schools.