



Los Angeles Unified School District

Project Name: The Global Awareness Network Magnet Schools

Project Director: Deborah Brandy

Telephone: (213) 241-6933

E-mail: deborah.brandy@lausd.net

Number of Schools Served: 4

Number of Students Served: 1,533

Year 1 Funding: \$3,615,131

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the second-largest school district in the nation, serving 617,798 students. About 75 percent of the students are Hispanic, 10 percent are Black, 9 percent are White, 7 percent are Asian, and 53 percent are English language learners. With a thriving network of 173 magnet schools, LAUSD plans to build upon its magnet school success by establishing one new school and significantly revising three existing schools under a 21st-century specialty theme: global awareness. These Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP)-funded schools and themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
The Academy for Enriched Sciences	Global Awareness and Science
Mid-City's Prescott School of Enriched Sciences	Global Awareness and Science
Tom Bradley Global Awareness Magnet	Global Awareness and Government Politics
Westside Global Awareness Magnet	Global Awareness and Environmental and Eco-Sciences

Westside Global Awareness Magnet is a combination elementary/middle school, and the other three are elementary schools. The Global Awareness Network Magnet Schools project will improve instruction in academic subjects for all students. Through project-based learning and interdisciplinary study, core content-area subject matter will be embedded in theme-based units that will contribute to overall academic growth. Magnet resource teachers will develop and assist with the implementation of the theme-based curriculum. The instructional goals for all Global Awareness Network Magnet Schools support differentiated, theme-based, rigorous instruction designs to provide access to high levels of critical thinking, reasoning, and standards-based instruction that parallel established standards for gifted education.