



## Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

**Project Name:** Magnet Schools Assistance Program for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

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**Number of Schools Served:** 6

**Number of Students Served:** 4,555

**Year 1 Funding:** \$4,000,000

The Metropolitan Nashville Public School District (MNPS), spanning over 520 square miles, is the 49th-largest school district in the country and the 2nd-largest school district in Tennessee. It serves more than 76,000 students in 136 schools; the student population is about 48 percent Black, 33 percent White, 15 percent Hispanic, and 4 percent Asian. The MNPS school system includes schools in inner-city areas as well as schools in rapidly growing suburban areas. Seventy-five percent of all students are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program. Over the past two decades, Nashville has realized a 446 percent increase in its Hispanic population, and the number of limited-English-proficient students in MNPS has nearly tripled to almost 13 percent (as of 2009).

MNPS will expand capacity to provide public school choice to students who attend schools identified for improvement. MNPS will use Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) funds to establish six new magnet schools. This plan has been enthusiastically supported by district and school leadership, teachers, parents, local higher education institutions, and national corporate sponsors and partners. The MSAP-funded schools and magnet themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Bailey Middle School	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Hattie Cotton Elementary School	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
John Early Middle School	Museum Studies
Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School	Music, Business, and Industry
Stratford High School	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Wharton Elementary School	Museum Studies