



Tangipahoa Parish School District

Project Name: Tangipahoa Parish School District: The 2010-2013 Magnet Program

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Number of Schools Served: 10

Number of Students Served: 6,155

Year 1 Funding: \$2,232,766

The Tangipahoa Parish School District (TPSD) in Louisiana comprises nearly 20,000 K-12 students in 37 public schools. Almost 68 percent of the students are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program. TPSD is located in eastern Louisiana on the Mississippi border, approximately 60 miles from New Orleans. As of the 2000 census, the racial makeup of Tangipahoa Parish was almost 70 percent White, 28 percent Black, 2 percent Hispanic, and less than 1 percent American Indian and Asian. The devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, coupled with the recent economic downturn, has created unique obstacles for TPSD.

TPSD will use Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) funds to create nine new magnet programs during the 2010-11 school year. Two of these new schools will be created by combining existing schools; Hammond Eastside Primary School and Hammond Eastside Upper School will become one school, and Hammond Westside Primary School and Hammond Westside Upper School will become another school. Additionally, TPSD will use MSAP funds to create a tenth school, Central Educational Center, beginning the second year of the grant. The MSAP-funded schools and magnet themes are as follows:

Magnet School	Magnet Theme
Amite Elementary School	Communications
Central Educational Center	Career Education
Hammond Eastside Elementary School	International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme and Fine/Performing arts
Hammond High School	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme and Medical Professions
Hammond Junior High School	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
Hammond Westside Montessori	Montessori
Independence Middle School	Communications
Kentwood High School	Fine/Performing Arts
Roseland Elementary School	Montessori
Woodland Park Early Learning Center	Communications

The magnet schools are designed to either eliminate or substantially reduce racial group isolation in participating schools while improving student achievement so that each school meets all requirements set out in Louisiana's Race to the Top Criteria and the No Child Left Behind legislation.