

Applicant East Baton Rouge Parish Public School System
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School District East Baton Rouge Parish Public School System
City, State Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Urbanicity Urban

Project Title/Name The creation of the exciting new Creative Sciences and Arts Magnet Schools for East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools developed as part of Project EXPLORE>

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Grant Award Amount **Total: \$ 14,931,594.00** over 5 years

- Year 1 \$ 2,831,930.00
- Year 2 \$ 2,987,067.00
- Year 3 \$ 2,950,039.00
- Year 4 \$ 3,058,257.00
- Year 5 \$ 3,104,301.00

School and Grades Served	Theme	Isolated and Targeted Minority/ies	Number of Students
Park Forest Elementary Creative Sciences and Arts Magnet (K-5)	Creative Sciences and Arts	African Americans	804
Villa Del Ray Creative Sciences and Arts Magnet (K-5)	Creative Sciences and Arts	African Americans	432
Park Forest Middle Creative Sciences and Arts Magnet (6-8)	Creative Sciences and Arts	African Americans	804
Belaire High School (9-12)	Creative Sciences and Arts	African Americans	1,226

Project Description:

The East Baton Rouge Parish School District Board of Education is setting up four new magnet schools, serving grades K-12, to racially, ethnically and economically diversify racially impacted schools while substantively improving students' academic performance. The four district schools: Villa del Rey Elementary, Park Forest Elementary, Park Forest Middle and Belaire High have chosen the Creative Sciences and Arts magnet theme emphasizing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education. The MSAP Project EXPLORE (E.X.P.L.O.R.E. - Encompassing Exciting Program Learning Opportunities for a Rewarding Education) will make it possible to set up new attractive magnet schools that result in racial and economic diversity in each of the participating schools. All four of the schools have a building capacity to accommodate students who live in their respective school's current attendance zone plus those who choose to attend these schools from throughout the school system.

Project Goals:

1. Reduce the prevent the percent racial isolation of African American students enrolled in Villa del Rey and Park Forest Elementary Schools, Park Forest Middle and Belaire High School.
2. By the end of the five-year project, participating magnet schools will score either B or A as determined by the Louisiana State Department of Education Accountability System.
3. All project magnet students will be reach grade level minimum.
4. Project themes at the four magnet schools have the capacity to attract students from throughout the Baton Rouge geographic area.
5. Teachers are prepared to teach heterogeneous grouped, multi-age students attracted from both high and low performing schools.