

**Applicant** **LEARN**  
**PR Award #** U165A170051

**School District** **Connecticut’s Inter-District Magnet Schools**  
**City, State** Old Lyme, Connecticut  
**Urbanicity** Urban

**Project Title/Name** EXPECT (Equity, eXcellence & Pride across Eastern Connecticut)

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**Grant Award Amount** **Total: \$ 14,991,098.00** over 5 years

- Year 1 \$ 3,297,073.00
- Year 2 \$ 3,194,435.00
- Year 3 \$ 2,994,126.00
- Year 4 \$ 2,948,913.00
- Year 5 \$ 2,556,551.00

School and Grades Served	Theme	Isolated and Targeted Minority/ies	Number of Students
Regional Multicultural Magnet School (K-5)	International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme	Minority groups and low SES	2,979 total (individual school not broken down)
Cutler Arts & Humanities Magnet Middle School (6-8)	Arts & International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme	Minority groups and low SES	2,979 total (individual school not broken down)
West Side STEM Magnet Middle School (6-8)	STEM & International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme	Minority groups and low SES	2,979 total (individual school not broken down)
Teachers’ Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School (6-8)	Global Studies, World Language & Service Learning	Minority groups and low SES	2,979 total (individual school not broken down)

Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School (6-8)	STEAM	Minority groups and low SES	2,979 total (individual school not broken down)
Connecticut River Academy (9-12)	Environmental Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Minority groups and low SES	2,979 total (individual school not broken down)

**Project Description:**

Connecticut is recognized as a state of many contradictions: extreme wealth/deep poverty; wide racial diversity/significant minority group isolation; large divides between student achievement/ failure .Additional contradictions exist in eastern Connecticut with neighboring districts and schools having been identified as out of balance according to state equity laws. To address these issues and mitigate the potential sanctions from the state, *EXPECT* will expand choice through the development and support of a consortia of six (6) inter- and intra-district magnet schools across eastern Connecticut with the dual goal of reducing minority group and socio-economic isolation, as well as increasing student achievement in the participating schools over the five-year project. *EXPECT* represents a range of regional opportunities for K-12 students, including a focus on inquiry and transdisciplinary learning opportunities through the development of deep relationships with community partners. *EXPECT* will significantly revise two inter-district magnet schools and support the development and opening of four new intra-district magnet schools, all with the goal of creating high-quality and rigorous learning opportunities for students within diverse communities. All schools will be whole-school programs, emphasizing rich, theme-based curricula.

**Project Goals:**

1. Offer engaging, rigorous, and innovative magnet themes proven to draw diverse families across district and community lines.
2. Offer pathways between regional elementary, middle, and high schools providing students and their families with clear and high quality choices and opportunities as they progress throughout their public school experience.
3. Offer a quality educational experience that fosters inclusion, high expectations, and a commitment to lifelong learning.