

**Applicant
PR Award #**

Board of Education of Baltimore County
UU165A170006

**School District
City, State
Urbanicity**

Baltimore County Public Schools
Towson, Maryland
Urban, Suburban, and Rural

Project Title/Name

Baltimore County Public Schools Magnet Schools Assistance Program
(2017-2022)

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Grant Award Amount

Total: \$ 15,000,000.00 over 5 years

- Year 1 \$ 3,765,452.00
- Year 2 \$ 3,569,738.00
- Year 3 \$ 3,093,997.00
- Year 4 \$ 2,242,750.00
- Year 5 \$ 2,328,063.00

School and Grades Served	Theme	Isolated and Targeted Minority/ies	Number of Students
Woodmoor ES (K-5)	International studies/International Baccalaureate	African Americans	603
Windsor Mill MS (6-9)	International studies/International Baccalaureate	African Americans	495
Middle River MS (6-8)	International studies/International Baccalaureate	African Americans	825
New Town HS (9-12)	International studies/International Baccalaureate	African Americans	1,036
Golden Ring MS (6-8)	Health science	African Americans	684

Overlea HS (8-12)	Health Professionals: Biomedical Engineering and Technology	African Americans	954
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Project Description:

The Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) magnet initiative is fully aligned with BCPS’s *Blueprint 2.0* strategic plan and will support the goal of increasing equity and excellence by creating vertical magnet pathways in International Baccalaureate (IB) and Health Sciences. The magnet programs will be developed by converting 6 schools into whole-school magnet programs that provide unique curricula that are capable of attracting a diverse population of students and rigorous academic programs that incorporate evidence- and research-based instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students.

IB magnet programs with a thematic focus on global studies will be developed at Woodmoor ES (603 students), Windsor Mill MS (495 students), Middle River MS (825 students), and New Town HS (1,036 students). The programs will implement new, interdisciplinary curriculum units using the IB framework to infuse inquiry learning across content areas and foster partnerships with community organizations to offer authentic STEM experiences for students and teachers. Health science whole-school magnet programs will be created at Golden Ring MS (684 students) and Overlea HS (954 students) to engage students in problem-based learning through interdisciplinary curricula, magnet elective courses, and enrichment experiences focused on rigorous academic topics related to the study of health sciences and biomedical technology.

Project Goals

1. Reduce or eliminate minority group isolation among African American students.
2. Ensure that all students meet challenging standards and are college- and career-ready.
3. Ensure that *all* students benefit from the magnets’ educational offerings and have equal opportunities to gain magnet theme-specific, value-added skills and knowledge.
4. Build the capacity within the magnet schools and across the district to provide rigorous, theme-based instructional programs that will help promote choice and diversity in BCPS.