

**Applicant** School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties  
**PR Award** U165A170002

**School District** School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties  
**City, State** Irmo, South Carolina  
**Urbanicity** Urban

**Project Title/Name** Discover Five

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**Grant Award Amount** **Total: \$ 13,711,834.00** over 5 years

- Year 1 \$ 2,939,653.00
- Year 2 \$ 2,774,586.00
- Year 3 \$ 2,972,365.00
- Year 4 \$ 2,463,615.00
- Year 5 \$ 2,561,615.00

<b>School and Grades Served</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Isolated and Targeted Minority/ies</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
H.E. Corley Elementary School Montessori Magnet (PreK-K)	Montessori	Minority groups and low SES	168
Leaphart Elementary School STEAM Magnet (K-5)	STEAM	Minority groups and low SES	564
Nursery Road Elementary School Arts Magnet (K-5)	Arts	Minority groups and low SES	546
Irmo High School International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme Magnet (9-12)	International Baccalaureate Career	Minority groups and low SES	400

## **Project Description:**

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties (District Five) proposes to implement a five-year Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant entitled Discover Five to reduce minority group isolation of African-American students and increase socioeconomic diversity in its schools. Discover Five includes the launch of three new, and one significantly revised, magnet programs, developed using evidence-based strategies and best practices for improving student academic achievement. H.E. Corley Elementary School Montessori Magnet will operate as a new program within a school and serve 168 students. Leaphart Elementary School STEAM Magnet will operate as a significantly revised whole school magnet and serve 564 students. Nursery Road Elementary School Arts Magnet will operate as a new whole school magnet and serve 546 students. Irmo High School International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme Magnet will operate as a new program within a school and serve 400 students.

## **Project Goals**

1. To promote diversity by reducing and preventing minority group isolation and increasing socioeconomic diversity.
2. To increase student achievement by implementing rigorous, focused programs of study that provide personalized, innovative, theme-based instruction to provide all students the opportunity to meet challenging core content standards and academic achievement standards.
3. To design, implement, and sustain innovative theme-based programs that promote diversity and increase choices, in partnership with parents and the community.
4. To prepare students as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners by improving academic achievement and providing them with the necessary career, technological, and professional skills.
5. To build the capacity of administrators and teachers to deliver rigorous programs of study that integrate systemic reforms and site-based reforms through sustained professional development.
6. To reduce the achievement gaps between student subgroups and promote postsecondary success by providing students with innovative theme-based instruction through systemic reforms in desegregation and equity strategies, cooperative learning practices, and innovative theme-based instruction.