

**PROJECT NEXUS 2020****ABSTRACT**

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) is pleased to submit this proposal to the U.S. Department of Education's 2020-25 Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP). District goals for the grant include **eliminating and reducing** minority group isolation among African American and Hispanic/Latinx students, increasing student achievement, and building district and school capacity to offer broader educational choice and high quality, integrated learning environments to all students. MSAP funding will support WCPSS efforts to establish three new programs and significantly revise one existing magnet program. **Dillard Drive Elementary** (at least 664 students impacted per year) and **Dillard Drive Middle** (at least 1,052 students impacted per year) will establish the new **Center for World Languages and Spanish Immersion** program, building a Spanish immersion program, offering daily world language in Spanish or French, and providing professional development (PD) to support the integration of global concepts in classroom instruction. **East Cary Middle** (at least 580 students impacted per year) will establish the new **Center for World Languages and Global Studies** program, providing daily world language in Spanish or Mandarin Chinese and PD to support the integration of global concepts in classroom instruction. **Smith International Baccalaureate / Primary Years Programme Magnet Elementary** (at least 442 students impacted per year) will significantly revise its magnet theme by adding a **Spanish Dual Language Immersion and World Languages** program to advance the benefits of bilingualism to English language learners and native English speakers and offering daily world language in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. Each MSAP project school will apply evidence-based literacy strategies to increase the achievement of students and close achievement gaps.