

Lansing School District (LSD – Applicant) proposes **ARC: Academically Rigorous Choices** to create four new, whole-school elementary, middle and high school magnets (total of four magnet programs) serving high-need students in Lansing, MI (Priority #1). ARC magnet schools will have a total capacity of 1,675 students. Implementation of the project will promote socio-economic diversity and racial integration in LSD (Priority #4) by expanding choice options for youth enrolled in district schools (LSD is open enrollment district – total 10,135 district students eligible to apply). ARC will meet the requirements of the *Magnet Schools Assistance Program* and reduce Black student isolation in feeder schools that do not comply with the **LSD Mandatory, Court-Ordered Desegregation Plan** and have significant Black MGI. LSD, utilizing magnet schools serving Grades PreK – 12, will promote desegregation of racially identifiable feeder schools; increase interaction among students of different social, economic, ethnic and racial backgrounds; improve academic achievement for all students; implement high quality activities that support rigorous academic standards; improve teacher quality and promote enhanced parent involvement. ARC will help LSD meet the following goal / objectives:

ARC: Project Goal and Objectives

GOAL: To increase equity in education and academic achievement in racially identifiable schools.

Objective 1: Reduce racial and socio-economic isolation in segregated schools.

Objective 2: Improve academic performance in underserved schools.

Objective 3: Create and sustain magnet schools that expand academic choices for students.

Objective 4: Enhance diversity of perspectives that impact academic planning and decision-making.

Implementation of ARC will provide Lansing School District with the resources to launch and sustain four, new, whole-school magnet programs supported by Evidence of Effectiveness that meets *What Works Clearinghouse* and *ESSA Tier 1* standards (Priority #2):

ARC Magnet Schools and Themes 2022-2027

School	Magnet Theme	Grades	Status	Capacity
Forest View Elementary School	Environmental	PreK – 3	Whole School	375
North Middle School	Environmental	4 – 8	Whole School	375
Wexford Academy	Montessori	PreK – 8	Whole School	625
Lansing CTE High School	Career & Technical Education	9 – 12	Whole School	300