

NYC Community School Districts 32-16 Interdistrict Magnet Consortium, Program Abstract

A consortium of Community School Districts 32 and 16 in the Bushwick and Stuyvesant Heights neighborhoods of Brooklyn, NY, is requesting MSAP funding in the amount of \$14,999,995, to convert the following four schools into new whole-school magnet school programs: PS 86 (Multimedia and Arts Academy), PS 116 (Leadership through Multimedia and the Arts), PS 145 (Leadership through Engineering), and MS 35 (Leadership, Exploration, and the Arts). By the end of the five-year grant, the four schools will be serving a total of 1,458 students in grades PK-8.

In alignment with NYC Schools Chancellor Banks's vision to "reimagine the student experience", each magnet school will develop an innovative, theme-based program that provides rigorous instruction and enrichment activities to all students, not available in other schools in the participating districts. Supported by a robust set of partnerships, the magnet themes will be infused into core subject curricula through the development of interdisciplinary curricula to provide enhanced, rigorous, and engaging learning opportunities for all students.

The D32-D16 consortium has four overarching objectives:

- To eliminate MGI among Hispanic students at three schools (PS 86, PS 116, and PS 145), and Black/African American students at one of the proposed magnet schools (MS 35).
- To ensure that all students attending the magnet schools meet challenging academic standards and are on track to be college- and career-ready.
- To ensure that all students attending the magnet schools benefit from the magnet's educational offerings and have equal opportunities to gain magnet theme-specific value-added skills and knowledge.
- To build the capacity within the magnet schools to provide rigorous, theme- and evidence-based instructional programs that will help promote choice and diversity.