

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABSTRACT
MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY2022**

Project Title: Technology Advancing Communities (TAC)

Brief description of program: Through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant, CPS will revise the themes at two whole-school K-8 magnet programs to STE(A)M Digital Media and Creative Technology themes. The selected schools are John J Pershing Magnet Elementary School (K-8) and Maria Saucedo Magnet Elementary School (K-8). TAC prepares students to be inquirers and lifelong learners, promoting the relevance of learning, and emphasizes connections between classroom studies and the outside world. Schools will enhance existing curricula with nationally recognized research-based programs that infuse technology into all content areas, and integrate STE(A)M through the implementation of a K-8 STEM curriculum. TAC is committed to embracing a holistic educational model that will prepare students for college and career.

Major Project Goals:

Goal 1: Desegregation and Choice: Eliminate, reduce or prevent minority group isolation in targeted schools without negatively impacting feeder schools.

Goal 2: Building Capacity: 1) Design and develop innovative educational methods and practices that promote diversity, increase choice and ensure students gain 21st century skills; 2) provide professional development for magnet school teachers to increase achievement for all students; and 3) ensure parents and community members are actively involved.

Goal 3: Academic Achievement: 1) Increase percentages of students, including those from major racial and ethnic subgroups, who meet 1) State proficiency targets in reading/language arts, mathematics and science; and 2) grade-level standards-based learning goals in all content areas.

Goal 4: Long-Term Sustainability: Percentage of magnet schools that 1) operate as magnet schools three years after the performance period ends; and 2) meet the state's annual measurable objectives.