

Grantee Name:

Helix Community Schools

Grant Award Number:

S282E230010

ALN:

84.282E – Expanding a High-Quality Charter School

State:

Louisiana

Project Duration:

5 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$400,000

Total Expected Funding:

\$2,000,000

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Helix Community Schools

Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy

Helix Community Schools aims to empower student success and enhance educational opportunities through expansion of its educational program to implement a Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) at Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy (HMSA) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The project aligns with HMSA's priority areas of educational innovation, workforce development, and community engagement. By expanding enrollment and implementing a comprehensive CWSP, the grant project will create transformative opportunities for students at HMSA, equipping them with the skills, experiences, and support necessary for success in higher education and the workforce.

Through this project, HMSA seeks to achieve the following **project outcomes:**

1. Improve academic performance and college readiness among participating students;
2. Enhance workforce readiness by equipping students with essential workplace skills, professionalism, and a strong work ethic; and
3. Strengthen community partnerships by forging mutually beneficial relationships with local businesses that foster a collaborative environment and support student growth.

The project will serve a total of 180 students over the five-year period, with an initial enrollment increase of 100 students in Year 1 and subsequent additions of 20 students per year. The project will be implemented at Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The site provides a diverse and inclusive learning environment conducive to academic excellence and career exploration.

Competition Priorities Addressed: Competitive Preference Priority – Promoting High-Quality Educator- and Community-Centered Charter Schools to Support Underserved Students.