

Topical Heading
School Improvement

Program Title
Magnet Schools Assistance

Also Known as

CFDA # (or ED #)
84.165A

Administering Office
Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

Who May Apply (by category)
Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)
Only LEAs or consortia of LEAs that are implementing court-ordered or federally approved voluntary desegregation plans that include magnet schools are eligible to apply. Private schools do not participate in this program.

Current Competitions
None. Next anticipated competition in FY 2010.

Type of Assistance (by category)
Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006	\$106,693,290
Fiscal Year 2007	\$106,693,290
Fiscal Year 2008	\$104,829,073

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information
Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1–2 from the 2007 competition

Average New Award: \$2,500,000

Range of New Awards: \$350,000–\$400,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 41

Average Continuation Award: \$2,496,814

Range of Continuation Awards: \$320,920–\$3,705,012

Legislative Citation
Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title V, Part C; 20 U.S.C. 7231-7231j

Program Regulations
34 CFR 280

Program Description
These grants assist in the desegregation of public schools by supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of minority-group isolation in elementary and secondary schools with substantial numbers of minority-group students. In order to meet the statutory purposes of the program, projects also must support the development and implementation of magnet schools that assist in the achievement of systemic reforms and provide all students with the opportunity to meet challenging academic content and achievement standards. Projects support the development and design of innovative education methods and practices that promote diversity and increase choices in public education programs. The program supports capacity development—the ability of a school to help all its students meet more challenging standards—through professional development and other activities that will enable the continued operation of the magnet schools at a high performance level after funding ends. Finally, the program supports the implementation of courses of instruction in magnet schools that strengthen students' knowledge of core academic subjects and their grasp of marketable vocational skills.

Types of Projects

Magnet schools offer a wide range of distinctive education programs. Some emphasize such academic subjects as math, science, technology, language immersion, visual and performing arts, or humanities. Others use specific instructional approaches, such as Montessori methods, or approaches found in international baccalaureate programs or early college programs.

Education Level (by category)

K-12

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Academic Achievement, Magnet Schools, Minority Groups, School Desegregation

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/magnet/index.html>