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Magnet Schools

- A. The Board of Education supports the establishment of magnet schools. Such schools may operate as separate schools or schools-within-a-school on existing campuses.

Magnet schools provide special opportunities for students to develop particular talents and interests while still pursuing a challenging core curriculum of language arts, mathematics, science, and social science. Magnet schools provide organized curriculum around a particular theme such as a career cluster, pedagogy, or issue in order to provide increased meaning for students in their educational pursuits. Examples of magnet school themes might be: math and science, visual and performing arts, medical science, foreign language immersion, technology, integrated learning, the International Baccalaureate Program, the environment, urbanization, and global economics.

- B. Magnet schools may be separate schools or schools-within-a-school. Schools-within-a-school should be designed to promote positive interaction between and among students and staff in a smaller learning community while maintaining connection with the school as a whole. Such schools should be initiated based on needs identified by the school.

- C. The purpose of magnet schools is to:

1. Enhance student learning.
2. Provide a choice for students and parents.
3. Provide for the design and development of innovative instructional methods and practices.
4. Provide for a personalized learning environment.
5. Promote equity, diversity, and academic excellence.

- D. Students from throughout the District may apply to a magnet school. Enrollment will be determined by an electronic lottery system. Priorities apply as outlined in the Magnet Schools and Dual Immersion Programs enrollment process Administrative Regulation 0420.5.

- E. Magnet schools will be subject to all federal and state laws and District policies and regulations.

- F. The Superintendent is charged with developing Administrative Regulations relating to the procedures for establishing magnet schools, the student admission criteria, staffing, etc.

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