

MAGNET SCHOOLS

In accordance with Board Policy 0110: Cultural Pluralism, the Governing Board endorses the use of magnet schools ~~throughout in~~ the district as detailed below. ~~New and e~~Existing magnet schools: College Park Mandarin Immersion School, Fiesta Gardens International Spanish Dual-Immersion School, and, the District Montessori Program located on the North Shoreview and Parkside Elementary School campuses; schools without boundaries and dependent upon transfer applications, shall align with the stated Purpose and will be evaluated for success against the Evaluative Criteria.

Purpose of Magnet Schools

- ~~1. Reduce socio-economic imbalance within the district.~~
- ~~2.~~1. Provide school choice with varied learning environments and specialized instruction attracting students and their families who live within the San Mateo-Foster City School District.
- ~~3.~~2. Develop and design innovative methods and practices promoting courses of instruction that substantially strengthen student knowledge of academic subjects.
- ~~4.~~3. Increase teaching capacity through relevant, specialized professional development.
- ~~5.~~4. Balance enrollment numbers across schools.

Evaluative Criteria

1. Socio-economic profile is within a range similar to that of the San Mateo-Foster City School District.
2. Academic performance trends are as good or better than similar schools in-district and out-of-district.
3. Magnet theme attracts and maintains student enrollment.
4. Significant enrollment is attracted from outside its geographic area.
5. Magnet ~~theme and selection~~application and enrollment process comply with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.
6. Magnet school is equally accessible to all district students.
7. Magnet theme is financially sustainable.