A recent study revealed that 1 OUT OF EVERY 15 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS in the U.S. attends a magnet school – that's nearly 3.5 million students across the country receiving a high-quality, theme-based education.

Magnet schools are a popular school choice option. MANY MAGNET SCHOOLS HAVE WAITING LISTS full of parents eager to get their students into these high-performing schools.³

Three out of four magnet schools DO NOT USE ACADEMIC CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION⁴

COMMON MAGNET THEMES²
- STEM Related 30%
- Visual, Performing Arts 16%
- International Baccalaureate (IB) 12%
- Gifted and Talented 8%
- Foreign/World Languages 7%

25% use academic criteria for admission

75% use lottery systems or other non-academic criteria for admission

A large percentage of magnets report graduation rates of 90 percent or higher, with at least 72 percent of students enrolling in post-secondary education.¹

Low-performing schools can be revitalized by magnet programs through specialized curriculum, high-quality instruction, and family and community partnerships that include mentoring, internships, financial support, and real-world learning experiences.³

Fifty-eight percent of magnets surveyed report lower teacher turnover rates than at the district level.¹

Sixty percent of magnet schools report state math test scores that were higher than those at the district level.³

Magnets enroll a larger share of black and Hispanic students than traditional public schools and a higher proportion of low-income students, ensuring that all students have access to rigorous high-quality academic options.⁵