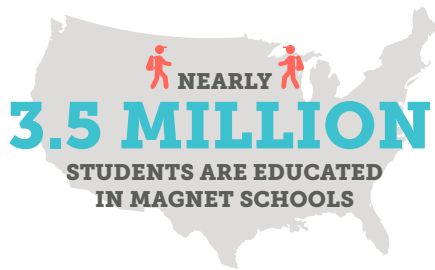
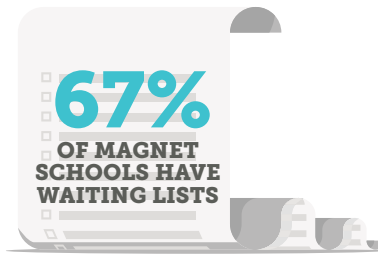


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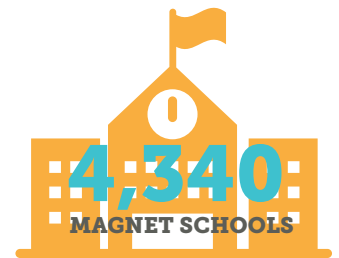
## About Magnet Schools



A recent study revealed that **ONE 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 the largest and original provider of public school choice, and demand continues to grow.<sup>2</sup>  
**MANY MAGNET SCHOOLS HAVE WAITING LISTS** full of parents eager to get their students into these high-performing schools.<sup>3</sup>

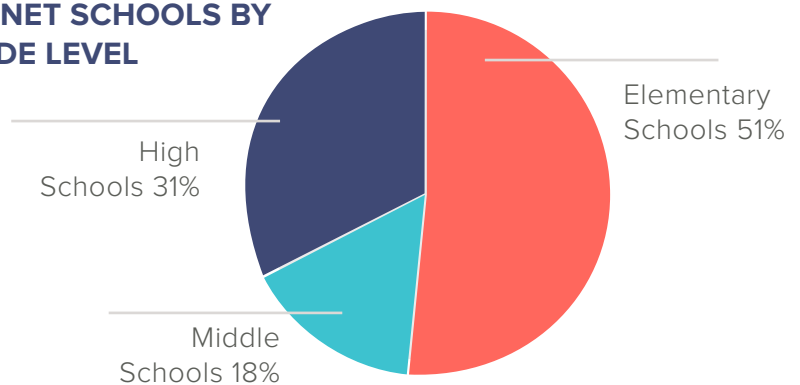


**THERE ARE NOW 4,340 MAGNET SCHOOLS.** With continued funding, more parents will have the opportunity to choose the public magnet school that best suits their child's learning needs.

### COMMON MAGNET THEMES<sup>1</sup>

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

### MAGNET SCHOOLS BY GRADE LEVEL



- Students learn skills that prepare them for college and careers. **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.<sup>3</sup>
- **Low-performing schools can be revitalized<sup>4</sup>** by magnet programs through specialized curriculum, high-quality instruction, and family and community partnerships that include mentoring, internships, financial support, and field trips.
- Fifty-eight percent of magnets surveyed reported lower teacher turnover rates than at the district level.<sup>3</sup>
- **Sixty percent of magnet schools reported state math test scores that were higher than those at the district level.<sup>2</sup>**
- Magnet schools were originally created in the 1970's with the explicit goal of desegregation, and they continue to educate a diverse student body today. **Magnets enroll a larger share of black and Hispanic students than traditional public schools and a higher proportion of low-income students.<sup>5</sup>**
- Three out of four magnet schools use a lottery system to handle demand from the community.<sup>2</sup>

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