district five
OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES

Magnet Programs Board Update

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Definition of a Magnet School

- Magnet Schools/programs are public schools that offer a specialized curriculum, not available elsewhere, to produce graduates with world class knowledge, skills, and life and career characteristics. Magnet schools/programs are designed to attract students from diverse socio-economic, ethnic , and racial backgrounds reflective of the district population.

*South Carolina DOE, 2017

Excerpt from Dr. Hefner's Vision 2015 and Vision 2020

5. EXPAND MAGNET AND CHOICE OPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

- Make optimum use of existing space
- Enhance the ability of each school to compete effectively with other schools in our district and community
- Meet the unique educational needs of our students

Purpose of Magnet Schools

- Gives options to the community
- Keeps all schools viable
- Allows students to explore their interests
- Aligns with the educational landscape

Types of Magnet Programs

- Whole school model (WS)
- Criteria based model (CB)
- Schools within-a-school (SWS)

Magnet Marketing

- Magnet Fairs
  - Two held each year
- Magnet Page
  - District 5 website
- Open Houses
- Community events
- Media Coverage

Interest in Magnet Schools

- Part of the D5 culture
- Interest is year round
- Growing interest in magnet schools
- Every magnet school had applicants

Magnet Schools

- DFES Academy of Environmental Sciences
- Seven Oaks Elementary MEDIA Magnet
- IMS International Academic Magnet
  - iAM Escolares
- IHS International School for the Arts
  - IB Diploma Programme
- SHHS Career Pathways Magnet
- DFHS STEM Program (SWS) (CB)
- Escolares Academy at HWES (SWS) (CB)
- HEC Leadership Magnet

Discover 5 Magnet Schools

- H. E. Corley Montessori Magnet
- Leaphart Elementary STEAM Magnet
- Nursery Road Elementary Arts Magnet
- International Baccalaureate Career Related Programme
  - Collaboration between Irmo High School IB and The Center for Advanced Technical Studies

District Five.....

Where Every Choice is a Great Choice!!!!!