

Program Abstract

The project will serve all students who attend Montbello High School (MHS) in Denver Colorado through wall-to-wall smaller learning communities and student services. Programs include a 9th Grade Academy, Technology Innovations Academy and an Early College Academy. All of the academies will have two teams of teachers to divide students into smaller learning communities within the academy; offer a rigorous, college-preparatory curricula; personalized academic planning; advisory programs; recovery opportunities and extra help for students who need it; staff professional development; college and career planning activities; and parent and community involvement activities. Goals include increased attendance and retention of students; improved student performance; decreased disciplinary actions; higher expectations for all students; increased parent involvement; and increased rigorous academic coursework.

Support from the U.S. Department of Education will help MHS implement these academies; pay for tutoring; hire a highly trained math specialist to provide professional development to math teachers; triple the capacity of the PLATO lab so it can serve 60 struggling math students at a time; double the number of slots available for READ 180 to 120 slots; increase parent outreach and involvement; provide professional development around strategies critical to implementing SLCs and helping students become prepared for postsecondary education and careers; purchase materials and equipment necessary to create hands-on learning opportunities for students in the Technology Innovations Academy; support students' in their completion of college-level courses; and provide evaluation so that teachers and staff have access to timely data related to students' academic progress.

Required Form

1. LEA Name and Address:

Denver County, 1900 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203-2996
NCES District ID (for help, please see http://www.nces.ed.gov/globallocator/): 0803360

2. Name and Address of Each School included in the SLC Application:

1. Montbello High School	5000 Crown Blvd, Denver, CO 80239	1,551 students (grades 9–12)
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