

# A Magnet Program!

## How do students apply?

Fifth grade students currently enrolled in the Las Cruces Public Schools will receive an application in January. This application must be completed and returned to the Las Cruces Public School's central office.

## How many students will be accepted?

There will be 75 sixth grade students selected for the sixth grade media and 80 sixth grade students selected for the sixth grade science magnet program. There may be limited slots available in the seventh grade program.



### For More Information

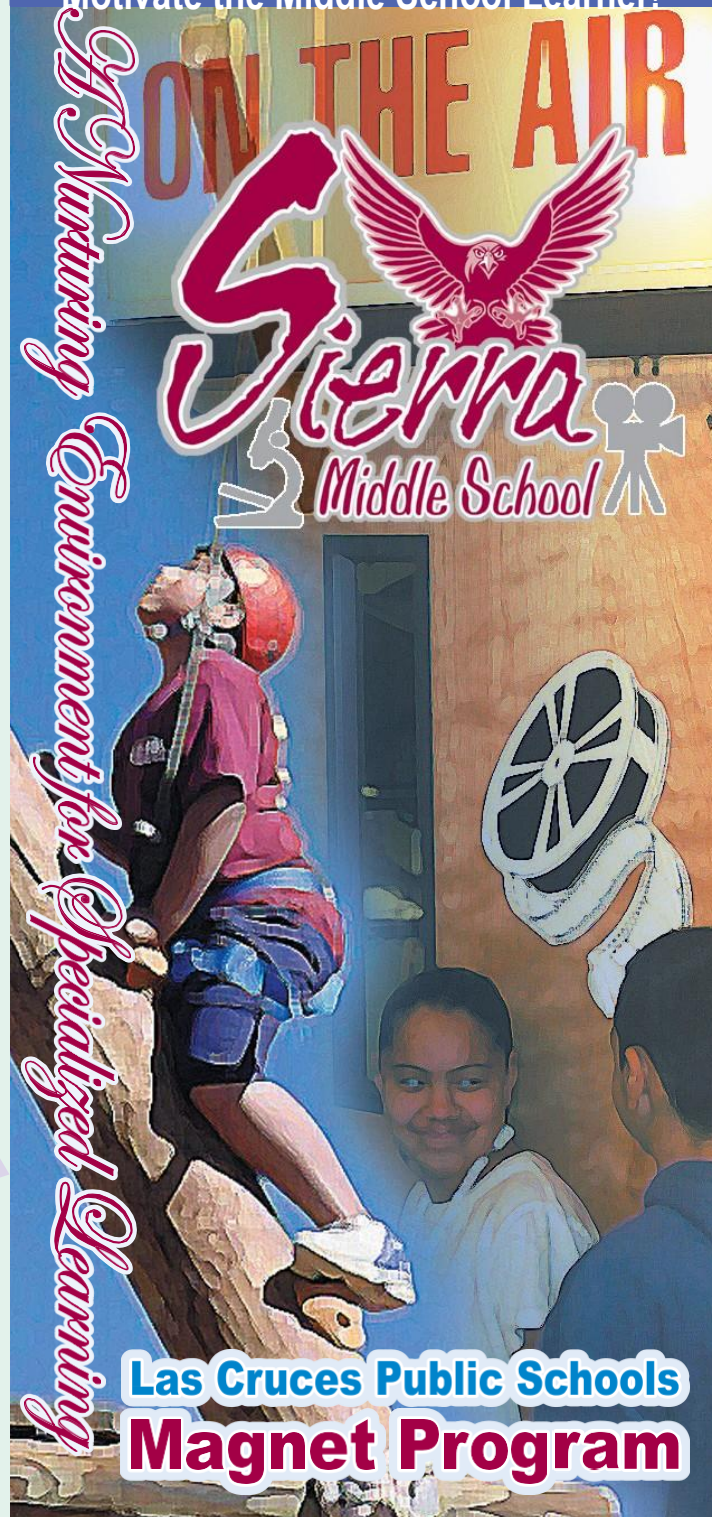
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A Different Approach to Challenge and Motivate the Middle School Learner!



Las Cruces Public Schools  
**Magnet Program**

## Pursue the Possibilities of...

### What is a magnet program?

A magnet program is a specialized educational program that enables students to take advantage of additional resources and innovative techniques that focus on their special talents and interests.

### How does the magnet program benefit the student?

The typical middle school curriculum will be enhanced with an unparalleled selection of specialized courses designed to challenge and motivate students with unique talents and interests. In addition, the magnet program provides enrichment opportunities and field trips throughout the year.

### Will a student's traditional education suffer if accepted into the magnet program?

Absolutely not! The magnet school program only enhances and adds to the educational experience.

### Who is eligible for the magnet program?








All students within the Las Cruces Public School District who will be in the sixth grade next year are eligible to apply. The students who apply should have a high interest in Science or Media and should be able to participate independently and in a group setting of 25-30 students.

## Media Magnet Program...

-  A course specializing in the development of print and broadcast journalism to include TV, Radio and Web.
-  Maintain the Sierra Middle School webpage and produce a quarterly student newspaper, quarterly parent newsletter and various other publications.
-  Participate in the production of a daily, live television newscast.
-  Develop and produce films, radio and TV news, investigative reporting, documentaries, music videos, talk shows, commercials and animation.
-  Experience a variety of communication-related careers through visits from guest speakers and with the opportunity to shadow media professionals.
-  Have the opportunity to work at K-STAR, the first middle school radio station in the District.
-  Learn how to be a music dee-jay for student and community parties and dances.
-  Participate in interesting field trips to newspaper offices and radio and television studios in our area, as well as in Los Angeles, California.
-  Learn the fundamentals of digital photography, to include photo manipulation software.
-  Have the opportunity to produce stories and projects to be aired by Channel One News, News 22 KRWG and CLC TV.
-  Produce the Sierra Middle School yearbook.
-  Participate in an award winning media program that includes awards at the regional Desert Light Film Festival, statewide 505 Film Festival and national Student Television Network Conference and Competition.



## Science Magnet Program...

-  90+ minutes daily course devoted to the science curriculum allowing for in-depth, inquiry-based studies.
-  Extended classroom experiences (including overnight and wilderness experiences) which will enrich the daily science curriculum.
-  Engineering and physics concepts taught through actual student experiences such as, repelling from a tower, robotics, designing roller coasters, chemical principles taught through labs, and constructing rockets and catapults.
-  Students will be involved in long term ecological projects in conjunction with local conservation agencies. Students participate in water quality testing on the Rio Grande, reseeding project with the Asombro Institute for Science education at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, as well as many hands-on labs and experiments to investigate living organisms.
-  Hands-on horticultural experiences including greenhouse projects and trips to the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park to study ecology.
-  Students will study the life of a cell and microorganisms through the world of the microscope.
-  Opportunity to interact with and gain knowledge from professional scientists in a variety of fields.