

New London Magnet Plan

FACT SHEET

- **No cost:** There is *no*, and will not be any, cost for New London residents to attend any of the public schools in New London, including the proposed magnet schools.
 - There will be three public elementary (K-5) schools run by the New London Public Schools:
 - **Winthrop Magnet**
 - **Nathan Hale Magnet**
 - **Jennings Multilingual**
 - **Parents** will rank their choices, **ALL** local students **WILL** have a spot!, and the Board is considering having spots set aside for students who wish to attend a school in their residential neighborhood.
 - **Siblings** of students who are selected for school via the magnet lottery will automatically be able to attend that school.
 - [*Why a lottery ?* That is a state requirement associated with magnet programs. 85% of the students will be local students – again – all New London students will have a place in New London schools.]
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- **Core Curriculum-** in all of our future three elementary students will take all of the courses required in a core curriculum including reading, writing, Math, Science, physical education and Art. There will be special education and bilingual support available as needed.
 - **Partnerships-** One of the most exciting aspects of magnet programs is how they attract partnerships. The Science & Technology Magnet High School has demonstrated how this works. Potential partners include Pfizer, the Lyman Allyn Museum, the DNA Epicenter, local colleges and others.
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ECS funding & Magnet Grants

We receive *Education Cost Sharing* (ECS) funds which make up most of the school district budget! In addition, we will receive grants for both in-district and out-of-district magnet students. (\$3,000 per pupil for in-district, over \$8,000 per pupil for out-of-district starting in 2010). It should be noted that there is legislation aimed at reducing the ECS grant for students receiving magnet grant funds by 50%; we are working to amend that, but our per pupil ECS is under \$6000, so a cut is made up by the grant.

How can we afford to educate out-of-district students for \$8158 if our district wide per pupil cost is approximately \$12,684? (net current expenditure, NCE)

The NCE is a unit of measurement used by the state for all districts. It includes expenditures from all local funds, all categorical grants, and in-kind services. In other words, it includes the cost –in addition to the salaries and benefits of teachers--of nurses, custodians, accounts payable, utilities, insurances, administration, transportation, special education, and city services such as trash removal, plowing, grass cutting, painting, etc. Most of those costs would remain whether or not we have a small number of out-of-district students enrolling in the schools. The added funds coming to New London for the out-of-district students more than makes up for any additional costs.

15% out-of-district students?

The fifteen percent represents that fraction of the total student enrollment of New London –including the Regional Multi-Cultural Magnet School; specifically it means that 15% of our 3000 students plus the 500 at RMMS requires us to have 525 out-of-district magnet students [300 at RMMS, 120 at the Science & Technology HS, 40 at the Academy] we would need less than 100 additional out-of-district students to meet the minimum required.

Current and proposed square footage of Nathan Hale & Winthrop:

<i>School</i>	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	<i>Proposed Square Footage After Renovations</i>	<i>Student Enrollment After Renovations</i>
Nathan Hale	47,800	75,000	600
Winthrop	38,804	63,403	600