## III. Summary

Since the last study conducted in September 1994, familiarity with magnet school programs has decreased among "District Non-Minority" parents and increased among "Private" parents, although the changes are not statistically significant at a $90 \%$ level of confidence.

- Compared to the "District Minority" group, a much larger proportion of "District Non-Minority" parents are currently "Very Familiar" with magnet school programs.
- "Positive" response to the magnet school concept has decreased significantly since 1994.
- Not surprisingly, parents of children in the magnet school district are much more likely to see a "Great Need" for magnet school programs than are parents of children in "Private" schools.
- Compared to past studies, a significantly greater proportion of parents of children in private schools have given at least some consideration to magnet schools. Approximately half of the "Private' school parents reported having given "Serious" or "Slight" consideration to enrolling their children in magnet schools.
- Among all three respondent groups, "Quality of the teachers" and "Safety at school facilities" were the most important factors in the evaluation and selection of a magnet school.
- For "District Non-Minority" and "Private school" parents, "A high school that would offer a full range of courses without a magnet theme" was the most attractive feature for a school of the six (6) features tested. "District Minority" parents were most attracted to "A secondary school with a full range of courses and a focus that includes African culture, traditions, and history."
- Over $80 \%$ of all three respondent groups were either "Very Interested" or "Somewhat Interested" in schools where $50 \%$ of the available seats are reserved for children living in close proximity.
- Over half of the "Private" school parents interviewed (58.6\%) reported that their oldest child commutes to school in 10 minutes or less. On the other hand, only $27.2 \%$ of the "District Non-Minority" parents and $19.6 \%$ of the "District Minority" parents indicated that their oldest child commutes to school in 10 minutes or less.


## A2) Data Tables

The following tables display comparable results from this year's study with those from 1994, 1992, and 1989.

Familiarity with KCMSD Programs


Consideration Of Sending Children To Magnet Schools

|  |  | District NonMinority | Private |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Seriously <br> Considered | 1996 |  | 26.1\% |
|  | 1994 | N/A | 14.0\% |
|  | 1992 | N/A | 16.0\% |
|  | 1989 | N/A | 12.0\% |
| Slightly <br> Considered | 1996 |  | 24.6\% |
|  | 1994 | N/A | 25.3\% |
|  | 1992 | N/A | 17.0\% |
|  | 1989 | N/A | 21.0\% |
| Never Considered | 1996 |  | 49.3\% |
|  | 1994 | N/A | 60.7\% |
|  | 1992 | N/A | 66.0\% |
|  | 1989 | N/A | 67.0\% |
| Don't Know / Reffused | 1996 |  |  |
|  | 1994 | N/A | 0.0\% |
|  | 1992 | N/A | 1.0\% |
|  | 1989 | N/A | 0.0\% |

Need for Specialized Curiculum

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { District Non- } \\ & \text { Minority } \end{aligned}$ | Private |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Great Need | 1996 | 58.3\% | 27.1\% |
|  | 1994 | 62.3\% | 27.3\% |
|  | 1992 | 67.0\% | 28.0\% |
|  | 1989 | 79.0\% | 17.0\% |
| Some Need | 1996 | 25.7\% | 43.3\% |
|  | 1994 | 33.8\% | 47.3\% |
|  | 1992 | 22.0\% | 32.0\% |
|  | 1989 | 13.0\% | 44.0\% |
| Little Need | 1996 | 7.8\% | 13.8\% |
|  | 1994 | 1.3\% | 10.7\% |
|  | 1992 | 9.0\% | 24.0\% |
|  | 1989 | 5.0\% | 25.0\% |
| No Need | 1996 | 5.8\% | 11.8\% |
|  | 1994 | 2.6\% | 14.0\% |
|  | 1992 | 0.0\% | 10.0\% |
|  | 1989 | 2.0\% | 14.0\% |
| Don't Know / Reffused | 1996 | 2.4\% | 3.9\% |
|  | 1994 | 0.0\% | 0.7\% |
|  | 1992 | 1.0\% | 6.0\% |
|  | 1989 | 1.0\% | 0.0\% |

Childenen Have Expressed Interest In Magnet Schools

| \% | - | $\begin{gathered} \text { District Non² } \\ \text { Minority } \end{gathered}$ | Private |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 1996 | N/A | 15.8\% |
|  | 1994 | N/A | 9.3\% |
|  | 1992 | NA | 9.0\% |
|  | 1989 | N/A | 8.0\% |
| No | 1996 | N/A | 82.3\% |
|  | 1994 | N/A | 90.0\% |
|  | 1992 | NA | - $91.0 \%$ |
|  | 1989 | N/A | 92.0\% |
| Don't Know / Reffused | 1996 | N/A | 2.0\% |
|  | 1994 | NA | -meme 0.0\% |
|  | 1992 | N/A | 0.0\% |
|  | 1989 | NA | 0.0\% |

Importance Of Evaluation \& Selection Factors When Considering A Magnet School


Table Does Not Include Don't Know/Refused responses. Therefore, the percentages may not sum to $100 \%$

## A3) Current Survey Results

On the following pages are the results for all questions in the 1996 survey. The data tables break out the results in the following manner:

1. Overall-All 613 Respondents;
2. Magnet Status: Non-Minority - 206 Non-Minority Respondents In The Magnet School District;
3. Magnet Status: Minority - 204 Minority Respondents In The Magnet School District
4. District K-5: Non-Minority - 103 Non-Minority Respondents In The Magnet School District With Children In Grades K - 5
5. District K-5: Minority - 103 Minority Respondents In The Magnet School District With Children In Grades K - 5
6. District 6-12: Non-Minority - 103 Non-Minority Respondents In The Magnet School District With Children In Grades 6-12
7. District K-5: Non-Minority - 101 Minority Respondents In The Magnet School District With Children In Grades 6-12
8. Private -203 Respondents With Children In Private Schools.

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|  | Overall | Magnet Status |  | Enter list letter: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Overall | NonMinority | Minority | Dist. K-5, <br> NonMinority | Dist. K-5, Minority | ```Dist. 6-12, Non- Minority``` | Dist. $6-12$ <br> Minority | Private |
|  | Col \% | Col 8 | Col \% | Col 8 | Col ${ }^{8}$ | Col \% | col \% | Col 8 |
| Approximately how many children do you have in your household who attend school between kindergarten and twelfth grade? <br> One |  |  |  |  | $4$ |  |  | - 39.1 |
| One <br> Two | 30.7 39.5 | 29.1 45.6 | 23.5 $\times 36.3$ | 24.3 45.6 | 18.4 36.9 | 34.0 45.5 | 28.7 35.6 | 39.4 36.5 |
| Three | 18.1 | 15.5 | 20.6 | 19.4 | 24.3 | 11.7 | 16.8 | 18.2 |
| Four | 8.0 | 7.8 | 12.3 | 7.8 | 13.6 | 7.8 | 10.9 | 3.9 |
| Five | 3.3 | 1.9 | 5.9 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 1.0 | 5.9 | 2.0 |
| Six Seven or more | .3 .2 |  | 1.0 .5 |  | 1.0 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1.0 \\ & 1.0 \end{aligned}$ |  |




|  | Overall | Magnet Status |  | Enter list letter: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Overall | NonMinority | Minority | Dist. K-5, <br> NonMinority | Dist. K-5, Minority | Dist. <br> 6-12, <br> Non- <br> Minority | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dist. } \\ & \text { 6-12, } \\ & \text { Minority } \end{aligned}$ | Private |
|  | Col ${ }^{\circ}$ | Col ${ }^{\circ}$ | $\operatorname{Col} \%$ | $\operatorname{Col} \%$ | Col ${ }^{\circ}$ | Col \% | Col \% | Col \% |
| In general, what is your response to the magnet school concept? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Positive | 46.8 | 61.2 | 52.0 | 65.0 | 55.3 | 57.3 | 48.5 | 27.1 |
| Neutral | 28.5 | 19.4 | 28.9 | 20.4 | 29.1 | 18.4 | 28.7 | 37.4 |
| Negative | 20.6 | 16.0 | 12.7 | 10.7 | 6.8 | 21.4 | 18.8 | 33.0 |
| Don't know <br> Refused | 3.9 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 2.9 1.0 | 8.7 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.5 |
| Great need | 47.6 | 58.3 | 57.4 | 58.3 | 59.2 | 58.3 | 55.4 | 27.1 |
| Some need | 32.0 | 25.7 | 27.0 | 25.2 | 29.1 | 26.2 | 24.8 | 43.3 |
| Little need | 9.3 | 7.8 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 1.9 | 7.8 | 10.9 | 13.8 |
| No need | 8.2 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 6.9 | 11.8 |
| Don't know Refused | 2.8 .2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 3.4 .5 |



Q7: In considering a magnet school, how important would each of the following be? 1ST 7 FACTORS OF 13 TOTAL


Q7: In considering a magnet school, how important would each of the following be? LAST 6 FACTORS OF 13 TOTAL


|  | Overall | Magnet Status |  | Enter list letter: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Overall | NonMinority | Minority | Dist. K-5, <br> NonMinority | Dist. K-5, Minority | Dist. 6-12. NonMinority | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dist. } \\ & \text { 6-12, } \\ & \text { Minority } \end{aligned}$ | Private |
|  | Col ${ }^{8}$ | Col 8 | Col 8 | $\mathrm{Col} \frac{8}{8}$ | Col $\%$ | Col \% | Col ${ }^{\circ}$ | Col $\%$ |
| How important is it to you that children learn to interact with children of other races and cultures? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Very Important <br> Somewhat Important | 79.0 17.1 | 84.0 10.7 | 81.9 13.7 | 87.4 6.8 | $\begin{array}{r} 85.4 \\ 9.7 \end{array}$ | 80.6 14.6 | $78.2$ | $\begin{aligned} & 70.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| Not At All Important | 3.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 14.9 4.9 | 4.0 | 1.5 |
| Don't know | . 3 | 1.0 |  | 1.9 | - 3.9 |  |  |  |
| Refused | . 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 5 |

q9b: How important is it to you that parents choose the schools their children attend?

|  | Overall | Magnet Status |  | Enter list letter: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Overall | NonMinority | Minority | Dist. K-5, NonMinority | Dist. K-5, Minority | Dist. 6-12, NonMinority | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dist. } \\ & \text { 6-12, } \\ & \text { Minority } \end{aligned}$ | Private |
|  | Col \% | Col $\%$ | Col 8 | Col \% | Col \% | Col \% | Col \% | Col 8 |
| Very Important | $84.8 \%$ | $83.2 \%$ | 86.68 | 88.88 | 87.98 | 76.88 | 85.28 | 89.38 |
| Somewhat Important | 10.58 | 12.4\% | 8.48 | 8.48 | 7.78 | $16.8 \%$ | 9.18 | 9.68 |
| Not At All Important | 2.98 | 3.58 | 2.28 | . 98 | 2.28 | 6.38 | 2.38 | . 68 |
| Don't Know | 1.88 | 1.08 | $2.8 \%$ | 1.98 | 2.28 |  | 3.48 | . 68 |

Q10


Please tell me if you would be very attracted, somewhat attracted, or not attracted to schools with these features.


## Q11



