

FY 2007 QUESTION NUMBER: 28

QUESTION:

What is the cost to add 30 seats per grade level to the middle school magnet programs at both Eastern and Takoma Park middle schools? What is the cost of one seat?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE:

ANSWER:

The addition of 30 seats per grade level for the Eastern magnet program and/or the Takoma Park magnet program would expand each program from the current 300 seats to 390 seats in Grades 6 through 8. Additional funding would be required in textbooks and instructional materials. Annual textbook and instructional materials costs are estimated at \$6,000 for each magnet program, for a total cost of \$12,000. This is an initial response and does not take into consideration the staffing variables at each school. There may be a slight impact on staffing depending on the number of seats needed. Additional capacity for the magnet programs also may impact transportation requirements. Further study is required to finalize a budget projection for the per pupil cost of the program.