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specialized programs. Now in south Omaha, the South High High School is currently a magnet center and it's a magnet center for computer skills. That doesn't fit this category, does it?

SENATOR RAIKES: No, it doesn't. That's meant to identify schools that are primarily for particular programs, special ed programs, alternative school programs, that sort of thing.

SENATOR PREISTER: So would that include the magnet schools?

SENATOR RAIKES: The magnet, particularly magnet high schools, is that what you're referring to? Yeah, that...

SENATOR PREISTER: I guess I didn't mean to say magnet. I meant to say learning academies.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Yes. The...although this, the proposal, Senator Chambers' proposal that was adopted, referred to high schools, so in...if that's what you're referring to. So in OPS,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...that would include the seven high schools.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. It would be all seven of those, and it would only be the elementary schools that might have the magnet school definition or be more specialized, but they wouldn't be counted. This only applies to the high schools.

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, I'm not sure I'm giving you the right answer here. The proposal is that there would be districts created within the existing Omaha Public Schools, which include either two or three high schools and their associated attendance areas. So the magnet elementary schools, for example, that are associated with, say, South High School would be included in that manner.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. All right. Then I guess my last question for you is, how would you envision the practical application of this?