M-DCPS Magnet Schools offer innovative programs from Pre-K through 12th grade that focus on students’ special interests, talents, and abilities. Application to Magnet Programs is open to all school-age children who either attend or are eligible to attend a Miami-Dade County Public School.

**Important Notes when Applying**

- Complete all required information
- **YOU MAY SELECT UP TO FIVE (5) SCHOOLS**
- **SELECT ONLY ONE (1) PROGRAM PER SCHOOL**
- Individual schools may require additional documentation and/or information
- Contact the school directly for any additional procedures
- Schools offering Visual & Performing Arts programs have requirements for student auditions, interviews, and/or portfolios
- M-DCPS Magnet Programs will make provisions for students with disabilities, or special needs, and/or make accommodations for Visual & Performing Arts auditions and interviews
- The sibling rule does not apply to students applying to Visual & Performing Arts programs
- Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in removal from the selection process
- Any required testing or auditions must be scheduled prior to January 15
- **BE SURE TO CHOOSE CAREFULLY**
  No duplicate or revised applications will be accepted
- **YOU MAY NOT** submit both online and hardcopy applications
- **APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15**

**REGISTER TO APPLY ONLINE AT:**
MIAMIMAGNETS.ORG/MAGNET-APPLICATIONS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:**
MIAMIMAGNETS.ORG

**OR CALL**
305-995-1922

If applying by paper, submit your application in person or by mail to:

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
ATTN: School Choice & Parental Options – Applications
1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Suite 352
Miami, Florida 33132

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Agreement of Understanding

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF MAGNET APPLICATION IS JANUARY 15

- Parents may apply online or directly in writing to School Choice & Parental Options using the official Magnet Application Form. Only one (1) application per student will be accepted. Duplicates and revisions WILL NOT be accepted.

- All applications will be processed by the office of School Choice & Parental Options only. If using the paper application, please send your applications directly to the office at the address listed on the application.

- Please complete all required areas. Failure to sign and/or complete all sections may result in the application not being processed.

- Students may apply to a maximum of five (5) schools (one (1) PROGRAM per school). If more than five (5) selections are made, we will process only five (5) and reserve the right to make this application void.

- Individual schools may require additional documentation. You must contact the individual schools to which you are applying. All required documentation must be uploaded with the online application or sent directly to the school(s) to which you are applying by the application deadline.

- Admission priority is given to applicants with siblings currently attending and who will attend the same Magnet School for the school year for which you are applying (a minimum of one concurrent year). Acceptance is based upon the availability of open seats in the grade level for which the student is applying. This priority is not applicable for audition-based Magnet Programs. To be considered for Sibling Status, the following must be met:
  - provide the correct Miami-Dade County Public Schools Student Identification Number for both the applicant and applicant's sibling(s),
  - meet all entrance requirements,
  - the sibling must reside in the same household as the student who is applying, or documentation of joint custody must be provided.

- Applicants who are part of a multiple birth (twins, triplets, quadruplets, etc.) must submit an individual application for each child. The entrance requirements are reviewed for each child individually. To receive the priority, parents/guardians must complete the multiple birth section of the application to link the students so that they share the same results within the same school/program's random selection results, as long as they each meet entrance requirements. A multiple birth (twins, triplets, quadruplets, etc.) priority is not applicable for audition-based Magnet programs.

- If your child does not have an active Miami-Dade County Public Schools Student Identification Number, you should write "NO ID" on the application in the area labeled M-DCPS Student ID Number (paper applications only). Applications may also be submitted online for students who have not been issued a M-DCPS Student ID Number.

- All notifications from schools will be sent to the email address listed on the application. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that email address and all contact information are current within the M-DCPS system.

- For questions, contact School Choice & Parental Options at 305-995-1922 or visit www.miamimagnets.org.
Agreement of Understanding (Continued)

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding of the following conditions for this application:

- Failure to complete all requested information may cause this application to be rejected.
- Additional information may be required by individual schools and must be submitted to those schools by the application deadline as part of the application process.
- Eligibility may be determined by such factors as skill, talent, academic performance, conduct, and interest.
- When the number of eligible student applicants, other than Visual & Performing Arts, exceeds the number of seats available, a random selection process will be utilized to admit eligible applicants.
- Any required testing or auditions must be scheduled prior to January 15.
- Failure to respond to an offer of acceptance by the specified deadline will be interpreted as declining program acceptance.
- Applications received from October 1 through January 15, will be eligible for consideration for enrollment in the upcoming school year.
- Applications DO NOT guarantee placement.

By applying, you give permission for your child to be evaluated for admission to the selected Magnet Program(s) designated in this application. If accepted, he/she will be enrolled and remain enrolled as a full-time student at the school of acceptance. **Transportation services are limited and may not be available at all schools, parents may need to make transportation arrangements for the student to attend.** Your child must demonstrate acceptable performance (as determined by school-site policy) in order to remain in the Magnet Program.

**It is the parents’ responsibility to contact the school for requirements that are school specific (e.g. proficiency tests, auditions, etc.) and submit all required documentation by January 15.**
Quick Guide for Eligibility Rules

It is the parents’ responsibility to contact the school for requirements that are school specific (e.g. proficiency tests, auditions, etc.) and submit all required documentation by January 15.

A. Basic Criteria for Random Selection Magnets

- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in each core academic subject area (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in conduct for the core academic subject areas (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a “2” or higher for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for the previous year and 5 unexcused absences for the first semester of the current year.
- No teacher recommendation will be required.
- Parents must schedule any required language skills testing for International Studies programs by January 15.
- FSA scores can only be reviewed as part of the eligibility process under very limited circumstances.
  - Elementary schools may not review FSA scores.
  - Secondary schools with a seven or an eight period schedule may not review FSA scores.
  - Secondary schools with a six period schedule may review FSA scores to determine if a student has at least one elective period available to take Magnet theme courses.

B. Enhanced Criteria for Designated Random Selection Magnets

- A minimum of 2.5 Grade Point Average in each core academic subject area (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in conduct for the core academic subject areas (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a “2” or higher for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year.
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for the previous year and 5 unexcused absences for the first semester of the current year.
- May require that student(s) complete and receive credit for Physical Science Honors and Algebra 1 Honors prior to the start of the school year for which he/she is applying. Proof of course enrollment or completion must be submitted by January 15.
- No teacher recommendation will be required.
- Parents must schedule any required language skills testing for International Studies programs by January 15.
Quick Guide for Eligibility Rules (Continued)

- FSA scores can only be reviewed as part of the eligibility process under very limited circumstances.
  - Elementary schools may not review FSA scores.
  - Secondary schools with a seven or an eight period schedule may not review FSA scores.
  - Secondary schools with a six period schedule may review FSA scores to determine if a student has at least one elective period available to take Magnet theme courses.

- Enhanced Criteria requirements apply to the following Magnet Schools/Programs:
  - AP Capstone (Advanced Placement) programs – Grades 9-12
  - Cambridge International programs – Grades 9-12
  - International Baccalaureate (IB) programs – Grades 9-12
  - International Studies (IS) programs – Grades 9-12
  - iPrep programs – Grades 9-12
  - iTech program at Miami Springs SHS
  - Jose Marti Mast 6-12 Academy (grades 9-12), Maritime & Science Technology Academy (MAST Academy), MAST @ FIU Biscayne Bay Campus, Medical Academy for Science and Technology (MAST @ Homestead), iPrep Academy (9-12), TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Cutler Bay Senior High (COAST) Ocean Academy of Science & Technology

C. Visual & Performing Arts Magnets

- Parents must schedule auditions/interviews by January 15.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in each core academic subject area (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in conduct for the core academic subject areas (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a “2” or higher for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year.
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for the previous year and 5 unexcused absences for the first semester of the current year.
- Placement is based on audition/interview results.
- No teacher recommendation will be required.
- FSA scores can only be reviewed as part of the eligibility process under very limited circumstances.
  - Elementary schools may not review FSA scores.
  - Secondary schools with a seven or an eight period schedule may not review FSA scores.
  - Secondary schools with a six period schedule may review FSA scores to determine if a student has at least one elective period available to take Magnet theme courses.
D. Interest-Based Magnet Schools/Programs:

- Admission is interest-based only.
- No teacher recommendation/prerequisites will be required.
- Interest-based only admissions apply to the following Magnet Schools/Programs:
  - Pine Lake Elementary
    - STEM: Botany & Zoology
  - Barbara Goleman Senior High
    - STEM: AP Capstone
    - Cybersecurity
    - Digital Marketing
    - Financial Technologies (FinTech)
    - Forensic Science
    - Information Systems Technology
    - Law Enforcement/Intelligence Studies
    - Conservation Biology
  - iTech @ Thomas A. Edison Educational Center
    - Geospatial Information Systems (GIS)
    - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
    - iCode (Microsoft Software Solutions)
  - Miami Southridge Senior High
    - Business Innovation & Management
    - Gaming Design & Animation
    - Coding and Application Development

Some programs may require additional eligibility, contact the school directly for any district approved changes to prerequisite/eligibility requirements.
Parent Application System

1. Create a single sign-on account that will allow them to submit applications for all the children in their household.

This account is created with the parent’s first and last name, email, and password. Parents may use their account login to complete applications, check application status, and placement.

If you have not verified your email, a message will be displayed in the application Dashboard. You can update your email or resend the verification email.

All notifications from schools will be sent to the email address listed on the application and account. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure the email address and all contact information is current within the M-DCPS system.
Parent Application System Dashboard

3 Start a new application or edit an existing application.

If the student is currently enrolled in an M-DCPS school:

4 Use the student look up to look up the student which will populate the information based on M-DCPS records.

If a non M-DCPS students may proceed to the requirements and policies and click “I Agree” to proceed with the application.

Before continuing to the application, you will be prompted to read and confirm that you have read the requirements and policies of the application process.
Student Information

If the pre-filled information below is not correct, you MUST go to the child's current school to update the information. It is the parent's responsibility to maintain information current; failure to do so may result in you not receiving any notifications.

*Please Note: Applications are not being accepted for upcoming 11th and 12th grade. All upcoming 11th and 12th grade inquiries should contact each school directly after April 15 regarding program space availability.
Family Information

The Family Information step of the application allows parents to include information such as living situation, parent information including name, address, and contact information. The guardian #1 information may be pre-populated with the information used to create their parent account.

Military Applicants: Military priority is applicable for full time active duty military families. In order to receive the military priority, proper documentation must be provided/uploaded.

Placement is contingent on space availability and applicants meeting all entrance requirements.
School Selection

You are allowed to select up to 5 programs (1 program per school).

Once the application is submitted, you will only be able to add programs up to a maximum of 5 but will not be able to change existing selections.

Choose up to 5 schools

Special Note: Students applying to the Cambridge programs at MAST Academy who reside in Key Biscayne must provide the school with two proofs of residency by January 15 to receive priority. This priority does not guarantee placement, as placement is based on space availability.

If accepted under this priority, continuous proof of Key Biscayne residency will be required throughout the period of attendance at MAST Academy, which may include random home visits.
Sibling Information

Admission priority is given to applicants with siblings currently attending and who will attend the same Magnet School for the school year for which you are applying (a minimum of one concurrent year).

Acceptance is based upon the availability of open seats in the grade level for which the student is applying.

This priority is not applicable for audition-based Magnet Programs.

To be considered for Sibling Status, the following must be met:

- Provide the correct Miami-Dade County Public Schools Student Identification Number for both the applicant and applicant’s sibling(s)
- Meet all entrance requirements.
- The sibling must reside in the same household as the student who is applying, or documentation of joint custody must be provided.

Twins Applying

If multiple birth children (twins, triplets, quadruplets, etc.) are applying and all meet entrance requirements, they will share or link the same random selections results in the Magnet application process. Please note that linking children within multiple birth units does not apply to Visual & Performing Arts audition-based programs.

An application must be submitted for each child.
Request for Accommodation
For Visual Performing Arts Audition or Language Proficiency Testing

10 Complete this section if the student requires special accommodations to meet a 504 Plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

Special Accommodations (optional)

Schedule Appointment
For Visual Performing Arts Audition or Language Proficiency Testing

Some schools require students to be tested or audition as part of the application process. Parents have the ability to select a testing or audition date for the student. **Appointment must be scheduled by January 15.**

11 Your appointment may be rescheduled until it has been confirmed by the school. Once it is confirmed by the school, it will be locked.

If the student does not meet eligibility, the student will be removed from the appointment schedule.

Contact the selected school for any questions regarding the appointment.
Document Upload

1. Non Miami-Dade County Public Schools Students
Students entering 1st through 10th grades must submit grades/transcripts for current and previous school year. The documents may be uploaded using the form below or delivered directly to the school(s) to which you are applying.

You will be able to continue with the application without uploading the grades/transcripts but it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to submit all required documentation by January 15 for the application to be reviewed for eligibility. Please note that failure to submit the required documents may deem the application ineligible.

2. M-DCPS Student
You can skip this step if you have been an M-DCPS student since the previous school year and applied with your M-DCPS student ID. Any course work from a Non-MDCPS institution such as Florida Virtual School (FLVS) to demonstrate enrollment or completion of required courses must be uploaded or submitted to the school.

Upload supporting documentation, such as transcripts, grades, or proof of enrollment.

If you do not have access to a scanner or an electronic version of the documents needed, you may hand deliver the documents to the applying school.
School Program Selection Survey

This survey is being used to gauge parental interest in Magnet Programs. Please rank your Magnet School/Program choices based on your order of preference.

Rank in order of preference with 1st being your top choice.

This WILL NOT affect your placement results.

Select and drag your selected programs into the order of interest.
Agreement of Understanding

Electronically sign the application and agree to the terms of the application.

Confirmation

Prior to submitting the application you will be forwarded to a confirmation screen, where you can review all of the information for accuracy. This screen allows you to make changes by clicking the “Edit” button.

No changes are allowed after the application has been submitted.

You will be able to add programs after submission if you did not select the five (5) options. Only one application per student is allowed. If there are duplicate applications, the first submitted application will be used.
Parent Dashboard Overview

The Parent Dashboard displays a profile for each student with a listing of their school/program selections. Parents may view the real-time status of each application and review application information.

Edit/Review Existing Application

You may schedule an appointment for a test or audition after the application has been submitted. Appointments are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and must be scheduled by January 15.

You may continue an incomplete application, schedule an appointment, or add more programs (up to 5) to the application.

Document Upload

When reviewing your submitted application, within the application progress menu, you will have access to the upload documents and appointments section.

- Documents must be submitted/uploaded by January 15.
- Appointment must be scheduled by January 15.

You may upload documents after the application has been submitted, up until January 15.
Random Selection Process

The random selection results will be available on or about March 15. You will have the option to accept or decline a program to which the student was accepted to.

**IF ACCEPTED:**
Log back into the Magnet application system to accept your chosen school. Please note, once a school/program is selected, the other schools to which the student was accepted will be automatically declined. Once declined, a school/program will no longer be available for selection. Students will remain on the random selection list for the schools to which they are currently wait-listed.

**IMPORTANT NOTES FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS:**
- After accepting the seat on-line, parents must contact the accepted school directly for registration/enrollment deadlines as well as individual school forms and/or information.
- Failure to comply with school/program requirements in a timely manner could result in forfeiting your seat.
- Acceptance is provisional and contingent on meeting and maintaining entrance eligibility requirements for the remainder of the current school year.
- Parents must accept by the deadline date posted within student's acceptance letter or the seat will be forfeited and go to the next student on the waiting list.
- Accepted students must be enrolled and remain enrolled as full-time students in the accepted Magnet School/Program.
- Parents must contact schools directly to inquire about transportation availability.

**IF WAIT-LISTED:**
Students will be selected from the random selection wait-list as seats become available, and will be notified electronically. Placement status is also available by contacting the school(s) directly or checking your account in the Magnet Application System. You may change acceptance to a preferred program only if your child's status changes from Wait-Listed to Accepted. The wait-lists for schools may change daily.

**IF NOT ACCEPTED:**
The student did not meet entrance requirements. Any inquiries must be made directly to the individual school(s). Not Accepted result(s) may include Visual & Performing Arts students who were not selected or did not schedule or attend an audition. Parents were responsible to contact school(s) for auditions.
Messages

You may review all messages sent to you by visiting the Message section of the Dashboard.

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**Important Notes...**

*Acceptance may be provisional and contingent upon the successful completion of exams, courses, etc.*

Schools may have additional requirements as part of the application process; these must be met and delivered to the school(s) prior to the end of the application period. Parents must contact the school directly for entrance requirements and transportation information. Transportation availability is limited and may not be available to all students. All notifications from schools will be sent to the email address listed on the application. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that email address and all contact information are current within the MOCPS system. Program information and availability are subject to change without notice. Click here to view our requirements and policies.