

2014-2015



# ST. LOUIS MAGNET SCHOOLS



With twenty-seven specialty schools to choose from, the St. Louis Magnet Schools offer an **EXCITING, TUITION FREE** alternative for students of all ages and abilities.

**EXPECT BETTER.**

## WHAT IS A MAGNET SCHOOL?

Students ordinarily go to the public school nearest them. Magnet schools are public schools without school boundaries. Each has something unique to offer that you won't find in traditional schools, whether it's a particular focus on technology, the arts, or a stimulating curriculum designed especially for gifted students.

Because of high demand in many schools and grade levels, admission is based on a lottery system.

→ See eligibility criteria on Page 4.

**Make the right choice for your child!**

# CHOOSE THE ST. LOUIS MAGNET SCHOOLS

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions a parent makes. Do you have a child who doesn't necessarily "fit the mold" offered at your current school? Or are you looking for a change in direction as your child advances from one level to the next? If so, there's an exciting educational alternative you need to know about! It's the St. Louis Magnet School Program.

For almost three decades, St. Louis City and County families have experienced extraordinary educational opportunities at the Magnet Schools.

27 specialty schools catering to a wide range of student talents and interests

Diverse and challenging curriculum

Free transportation for eligible students

Priceless partnerships with respected local and national institutions

Simple and fair application process



## PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

**Magnet Schools Open House** at all school locations

Dates and times to be determined by individual Magnet and Choice Schools. Check [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) for schedule.

### High School Here I Come Night

for 7th and 8th  
Grade Students

Thursday, September 5, 2013  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Compton/Drew Investigative  
Learning Center  
5130 Oakland 63110

### Magnet School Recruitment Fair

for Elementary and Middle  
School Students

Tuesday,  
September 24,  
2013  
6 - 8 p.m.

Emerson Education Center  
The Magic House  
516 S. Kirkwood Road 63122

Free Admission



# At a magnet school your child can . . .

## Be Creative

Their world is a stage, a canvas, bright lights and beautiful costumes. Your child thrives on creating, performing and entertaining. Our Visual & Performing Arts Magnet Schools provide the training, opportunities and space artistic children need to explore their creativity and develop their talents. Thanks to our visiting professional artists and partnerships with STAGES, Munny Kids, the Saint Louis Symphony, Opera Theatre of St. Louis and more, your child will be exposed to a world he or she might otherwise only dream about.

## Think Deeper

Spoke French at age 2, knows the answer to  $E=mc^2$ , voracious reader, chess master. Sound familiar? Gifted children thrive in an environment that challenges them to the *n*th degree. St. Louis Magnet Schools proudly offer the only FULL-Time, tuition-free gifted education in the metropolitan area. Our rigorous and challenging curricula are guaranteed to fulfill your gifted learner's needs. St. Louis Public Schools offer free gifted screening. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 314.345.4548. [To qualify for a gifted magnet school, students must meet state-approved criteria.]

## Look Deeper

Digging in dirt, peering into a microscope, star-gazing and encouraging you to live green. Your child will experience hands-on learning, while gaining exposure to everything from engineering to

environmental science to computer technology and health fields at our schools that specialize in math, science, technology and pre-college learning. Partnerships with the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Zoo, the University of Missouri at St. Louis and others further enrich your child's experience.

## Share Cultures

Bonjour! Guten Tag! International Studies Schools provide a wonderful and exciting "Passport" to learning. Our students and staff represent more than 30 countries. Your child will learn multiple languages, traditions, customs and cultures in the classroom, in the hallways and beyond.

## Explore Earlier

Young minds are inquisitive by nature. Our Early Childhood Centers tap into that natural inquisitiveness using a process-oriented approach to learning known as Project Construct. Your child will be engaged in all-day learning



from preschool through fifth grade, providing a strong, solid foundation for his or her future academic success.

Children needing special education services require a caring approach. Some magnet schools include self-contained special education classrooms for students whose Individual Education Programs (IEPs) call for it. Full inclusion and cross-categorical classes are also available.

## Shine Brighter

Shiny shoes, crisp uniforms, brass buttons. Cadets not only dress the part, they walk and talk it. Cleveland NJROTC Military Academy builds character, inspires service and creates strong leaders today for tomorrow. Admittance and enrollment depend on students meeting the school's academic standards, and weight and uniform fit requirements. Soldan International Studies and Gateway STEM High Schools offer part-time Air Force ROTC programs.

## Be Unique

It's cool to be different. Some children like traditional learning. Others excel when a teacher identifies and supports their individual learning style. Magnet schools are a great place for "break-the-mold" students. Our general academic programs are recognized for inventive teaching methods. We offer the largest tuition-free Montessori program in the metropolitan area. How successful are our students? Our Metro Academic & Classical High School currently ranks #76 in U.S. News and World Report's list of "America's Best High Schools," the highest ranking of any school in the state of Missouri.

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF MAGNET SCHOOLS AND THEIR SPECIALTIES, PLEASE SEE BACK COVER.

# WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MAGNET SCHOOLS

## Who's eligible?

The following students are eligible to apply for a spot in a magnet school:

- Any student living in the city of St. Louis.
- Non-African-American students living in the Affton, Bayless, Brentwood, Clayton, Hancock Place, Kirkwood, Ladue, Lindbergh, Mehlville, Parkway, Pattonville, Ritenour, Rockwood, Valley Park and Webster Groves school districts are eligible for Kindergarten through Grade 12. County residents are not eligible for preschool.

## The application process

Students wishing to attend a magnet school must submit an application, a copy of which is included in this brochure. City residents are encouraged to apply online by visiting the St. Louis Public Schools website at [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) or call the Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314.633.5200. County residents can visit the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC) website at [www.choicecorp.org](http://www.choicecorp.org). Click

on "Information about applying," or call 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

Completed written applications may be mailed to or dropped off at:

### St. Louis Public Schools (for city residents)

Recruitment and Counseling Center  
801 N. 11th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

### Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (VICC)

(for county residents)  
7425 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 110  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**(for county residents, please include a copy of child's final report card for 2012-13)**

Please complete only one application per child. SLPS and VICC computers will consider for placement **only** the most recent application submitted.

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2014-2015

### Mallinckrodt Academy of Gifted Instruction

Mallinckrodt is transitioning into a full-time gifted curriculum school, one grade per year as students currently attending are promoted over time and graduate out of fifth grade. For the 2014-2015 school year, Mallinckrodt will host gifted students in the Preschool through fourth grade levels. The curriculum currently in use for grade five will remain in place for 2014-2015. Preschool through fourth grade applicants must meet eligibility requirements for gifted programs to be considered for placement.

### Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (Grades 9 and 10 only for 2014-2015)

Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience is designed for a community of learners that will embrace very high academic standards. In addition to offering advanced curricula, Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience will create an environment where students and staff will work together toward a common goal of careers in medicine and medical research.

## Placement Procedures

The District is implementing a new application, placement and notification timeline for students applying to magnet and choice schools. The new procedures will allow for quicker notification and information to be provided for acceptances as well as available openings. These new procedures set in place a three pool application timeline.

### Pool A Application Period

September 1,  
2013 through  
October 12, 2013

Placement notifications sent prior to October 25, 2013 for students applying in Pool A.

### Pool B Application Period

October 27, 2013  
through December  
7, 2013

Placement notifications sent prior to December 20, 2013 for students applying in Pool B.

### Pool C Application Period

December 22, 2013  
through February  
1, 2014

Placement notifications sent prior to February 14, 2014 for students applying in Pool C.

*Applications received between Pool Application Periods will be considered for placement in the next pool.*

## Continuity Schools

Students graduating from 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Washington Montessori School will be automatically assigned to Gateway Math & Science Prep.

Students graduating out of 5<sup>th</sup> grade from Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning will automatically be assigned to Busch Middle School of Character.

Students graduating from 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Dewey International Studies will automatically be assigned to Compton/Drew Investigative Learning Center.

Parents wishing to apply to magnet schools other than those assigned are free to do so, but the applications will be considered for placement under the new Pool System implemented, as well as the priorities within those pools.

## Keep in mind

- All applications received in a Pool Application Period are given equal

consideration, within placement priorities. [See page 5 for more information.]

- All Pool A applicants will be considered for placement prior to reviewing Pool B applicants, and all Pool B applicants will be considered for placement prior to reviewing Pool C applicants.

- Applications for non-accepted students must be re-submitted each year, because unplaced student applications do not carry over from one year to the next.

- Applications received after the Pool C deadline will be considered for placement in the order they are received, after all Pool Applicants are placed where possible.

- **Students who do not attend the magnet or choice school they were accepted into on the first day of school will forfeit their seat.**

# SPOTLIGHT ON HIGH SCHOOLS



**Magnet and Choice High Schools** provide students with intimate, personalized learning environments and “hands-on” educational experiences that prepare them for the future. Through internships, career mentors, and work study programs, these schools offer students unique opportunities while studying rigorous college level coursework. The schools also enable students to engage in an education supported by strong partnerships with universities, technical schools and local businesses and organizations.

Students interested in attending a St. Louis Magnet or Choice High School are selected based on several criteria, including G.P.A., attendance records and disciplinary records. In addition, some schools require student essays, interviews or auditions. All St. Louis City residents are eligible to apply.



## CHOICE HIGH SCHOOLS

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### Carnahan High School Of The Future

4041 South Broadway  
314.457.0582

Carnahan High School of the Future features a learning environment where technology is integrated into every phase of the teaching and learning process. Students experience increased digital literacy, enhanced school-to-home communication, paperless instruction and “anytime/anywhere” activities. The state-of-the-art building offers a Mac lab, 10 Intelligent Classrooms, Polycom video conferencing and a reading room.

- 250-word (minimum) essay expressing the student’s interest in attending Carnahan
- 2 personal recommendation letters from [1] current teacher or principal and [2] a community member who knows the student well
- Previous year’s report card; Minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 and no behavior problems
- Personal interview with the student
- Attendance must be 95% and above

### Clyde C. Miller Career Academy

1000 North Grand Blvd.  
314.371.0394

Clyde C. Miller provides a career and technical education focus centered around 11 technical pathways: bio-technology; construction management; electronics; health-care; computer networking; data base management; manufacturing; hospitality; culinary; multi-media; and business administration. After graduation, these learning opportunities lead students to college, technical school, apprenticeships and work. The school is located in a state-of-the-art 143,000 square foot facility.

- Adherence to uniform policy
- Strong interest in career and technical education
- Previous year’s report card; Recommended 2.5 GPA
- Copy of discipline record; Good standing in citizenship
- High attendance percentage
- Each student is required to participate in an interview and essay writing
- Career Academy only accepts 9th and 10th grade applicants

### Northwest Academy Of Law

5140 Riverview Blvd.  
314.385.4774

Northwest Academy of Law focuses on preparing students for careers in the fields of law and law enforcement. Students have the opportunity to explore the career paths of lawyers, judges, police officers, crime scene investigators and FBI agents. They are able to gain valuable law-related experiences through school sponsored activities such as mock trials, moot court, debates, Youth in Government, Project Citizen Competition and Junior Academy Camp.

- 200-word (maximum) essay expressing the student’s interest in attending Northwest
- Previous year’s report card; Minimum G.P.A. of 2.5
- Personal interview with the student
- Copy of discipline record; Good standing in citizenship

## MAGNET HIGH SCHOOLS

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### Gateway STEM High School

5101 McRee  
314.776.3300

Gateway STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) High School, recognized by the United States Department of Education as a New American High School, integrates a strong academic curriculum emphasizing mathematics and science with career preparation in highly technical fields. Accelerated and advanced placement courses are available. Gateway STEM creates lifelong learners through skill building, team building, real-life applications, and service to the community.

- Interest in mathematics, science, and/or technology
- Expectation to attend post secondary education at a university, college, community college or technical school

- with the intent to attain a diploma
- Successful completion of an entrance essay reflecting the student’s view of the mission of Gateway STEM (see 1 & 2 above)
- Official recommendation checklist form for high school, submitted by two of the following: the applicant’s teacher, counselor, principal or designated administrator
- Student transcripts/report cards, reflecting aptitude and success in mathematics, science and writing
- Student interview
- Attendance and discipline records will be reviewed by the screening team for patterns determined to be detrimental to a student’s success at Gateway STEM
- Commitment to parental involvement (i.e., PTA, advisory committees, booster clubs, support of school, volunteer)

### Central Visual and Performing Arts

3125 S. Kingshighway  
314.771.2772

Central VPA’s educational program is designed to create a nurturing environment where students receive a quality academic and artistic education that prepares them to compete successfully at the post-secondary level or perform competently in the world of work. Students learn to communicate effectively, enhance their physical and emotional well-being, acquire a passion for lifelong learning and demonstrate the ability to do critical thinking and be creative.

- Submit a copy of previous year’s report card with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5
- Submit a copy of previous year’s attendance. Based on 174 days of school, the student must have at least a 90% attendance rate
- Submit a copy of the previous year’s discipline report and be in good

citizenship standing (no out of school suspensions)

- Submit 2 letters of recommendation. Two personal recommendation letters should come from (1) an administrator and (2) an art teacher
- Audition dates will be scheduled upon receipt of all required documents. Students who are granted auditions must attend at the scheduled time prepared to audition and be interviewed by the administrative staff
- Because Central's program sequences through 4 years, we only accept 9th and 10th grade applicants
- All accepted students are required to attend Central VPA's 9th grade transition program, parent orientation, pre-register and be present on the first day of school

## Cleveland NJROTC

4939 Kemper  
314.776.1301

Cleveland Junior Naval Academy is a military school with a strong emphasis on leadership development and academic achievement. Students have opportunity to practice leadership through the structure embedded in the NJROTC program.

The school provides all cadets with an excellent academic opportunities including Advanced Placement classes; field experiences provided by the Navy; intern experiences and opportunity for travel with academic exploration.

- 2.5 minimum grade point average
- C or better in math and communication arts for the entire year
- 5 paragraph essay, "Why I want to be a cadet at Cleveland Naval Junior Academy"
- Must have a good attendance record
- Must have no significant discipline history
- Admittance also depends on students meeting the school's academic standards and weight and uniform requirements. Uniform sizes are set by naval standards. Admission will be denied if applicants exceed these sizes. Parents of accepted students are required to attend a 2 hour orientation with the cadet candidates and be willing to accept the responsibility for the uniforms if they are lost.

## Metro Academic and Classical High School

4015 McPherson  
314.534.3894

Metro provides a challenging, quality education focused on high standards and

expectations in an atmosphere of unity, enthusiasm, caring, and respect for self, others and the community. We encourage service to the community, while promoting learning in all areas to prepare students to become responsible members of society who can function in a technology oriented world.

- Applicant must have an evaluation of excellent or good on each item on the Official Recommendation Checklist Form for high school. This recommendation must be submitted by two of the following: the applicant's teacher, counselor, principal or designated administrator.
- Applicant must score at or above the Third Achievement Level of all current Missouri Assessment Program tests. If MAP scores are unavailable, scores at or above the 50th percentile on school wide, nationally normed achievement tests being used by the applicant's school/district may be substituted.
- Applicant must have a good attendance record with no more than five days of absence during the most recent fall semester, except in cases of physician documented illness/hospitalization and documented family emergencies, i.e., deaths, fires, accidents.
- Eighth grade applicants must submit a copy of the last completed semester report card to validate classroom academic achievement and attendance reflecting a C or better in all subjects with the exception of Physical Education, Art, Music, and Practical Arts. One D will be acceptable in any one of these four subjects.
- Applicants must have completed and passed (with 70% or better) one year of algebra by the end of the eighth grade year.
- All accepted students are expected to attend Metro's 9th Grade Summer Transition Program.
- Metro only accepts 9th and 10th grade applicants.

## Soldan International Studies

918 Union Ave.  
314.367-9222

Soldan ISHS is a nationally accredited high school that prepares students for colleges and 21st Century careers in the medical field, biomedical sciences, Crime Scene Investigation (CSI), information technology, computer science, business, management, law, and leadership. Students attending Soldan take part in a global studies curriculum, preparing them for further education

and careers in an ever changing and diverse society.

Soldan's rigorous curriculum focuses on international studies, career preparation, and the use of technology. Students have honors and Advanced Placement classes offered in all major content areas, and a technology embedded curriculum complete with Promethean Boards, Smart Boards, laptops, videoconferencing, and digital literacy. Soldan's premier technology capabilities include a state of the art biomedical sciences lab, veneer probes, digital literacy, videoconferencing, and Skype. Students have the opportunity to connect with other students around the world, participating in the France-United States Academy and participating in a foreign exchange program with Academie de Lyon, France.

Students at Soldan are prepared for careers in the 21st Century through Soldan's community partnerships. The Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences Pathway partners with Washington University Medical School, Barnes Jewish Hospital, and St. Louis University Hospital, designed for students interested in becoming scientists, engineers, researchers, crime scene investigation (CSI) or entering the medical field. The Law Pathway partners with the Washington University School of Law and the Mound City Bar Association. The Information Technology Pathway partners with the University of Missouri - St. Louis College of Business Administration and its Department of Computer Science and Information Technology. Qualified seniors complete an internship in their career choice.

Additionally, Soldan offers a rich variety of fine arts and sports activities for students, including band, choir, basketball, football, baseball, softball, tennis, wrestling, soccer, track, and cross country. Enrichment and remedial services are available. Students can enroll in the A+ Program.

It is recommended that students have a:

- 2.5 grade point average or better
- 93% or higher attendance
- Good citizenship

Soldan concentrates on preparing students for college and 21st century careers in a global, technological world. It is recommended that students:

- Study a foreign language. Offerings are in Arabic and Chinese.
- Select a Career Pathway: Information Technology/Computer Science; Business Management; Biomedical Sciences careers in Crime Scene Investigation (CSI), engineering, medicine; and the leadership and law with Washington University Law School.

## McKinley Classical Leadership Academy

2156 Russell  
314.773-0027

McKinley CLA provides a challenging educational experience for gifted and talented students that is accelerated and enriched beyond the normal mandated curriculum. We provide a culturally diverse educational program for all students in an atmosphere for students to grow intellectually and personally. Our student-school-parent support system improves and strengthens cooperation between our families and the school.

- Completed application
- Copy of most recent report card
- Discipline and behavioral record
- Attendance history report
- MAP scores
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) record, if applicable
- Documentation to verify gifted standing
- Prospective students are required to write and submit a brief essay "I am excited about McKinley Classical Leadership Academy because..." The essay should highlight the student's reasons for wanting to attend McKinley CLA and clarify which Leadership Pathway sparked the student's interest. Students are also encouraged to incorporate their ideas for school leadership and community service in their essay.

## Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience

*[for grades 9 and 10 for 2014-2015 school year]*

450 Des Peres  
314.696.2290

The Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (CSMB) Magnet High School – is a community of learners that embraces the highest of academic standards. Collegiate is patterned after some of the most successful high schools across the nation, including, the distinguished Michael E. DeBakey High School for the Health Professions in Houston, TX. Collegiate offers advanced curricula which include many honors and Advance Placement (AP) courses. CSMB's environment is one in which all of its students and staff work together toward a common goal of careers in medicine, health careers, and medical research.

Designed as a rigorous four-year medical professions magnet program, the school's mission is to prepare a diverse student body to further their studies at the nation's best colleges and universities. CSMB's college prep curricula includes a minimum of four mathematics and six science courses, which will prepare students with an academic foundation essential for post-secondary studies. The school's unique four-year medical program provides students with project-based learning experiences under the guidance of health science and technology professionals in the classroom and with our local partners - BJC Healthcare, Washington University Medical School, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, and Saint Louis College of Pharmacy. All students will complete an internship/practicum during their senior year.

The Collegiate School of Medicine and Biosciences requires a written commitment from both students and parents to follow the rigorous four-year course sequence, complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service, earn First Aid and CPR certification prior to entering the 11th grade, and abide by the school's Honor Code and Dress Code policies.

Admission Requirements:

- 6th and 7th grade final report card
- First grading period report card of 8th grade
- Test record (MAP or other national achievement tests)
- Excellent attendance record (documented)
- Two letters of recommendation (current teacher, counselor, principal or designated administrator)
- Entrance essay
- A student and parent/guardian interview
- If accepted, attend the Medical High School's Summer Program prior to entering the 9th grade

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

### Open House at all magnet schools

Dates and hours to be determined by individual magnet and choice schools. Check District website at [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) for dates and times.

### Magnet Recruitment Fairs

Thursday, September 5, 2013  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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for 7th and 8th  
Grade Students

Compton/Drew Investigative Learning Center  
5130 Oakland 63110

Tuesday, September 24, 2013  
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for Elementary and Middle School Students

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The Magic House  
516 S. Kirkwood Road 63122

Free Admission



### Pool A Application Period

September 1, 2013 through  
October 12, 2013

Placement Lottery: Friday  
October 18, 2013

Placement notifications sent prior to  
October 25, 2013

### Pool B Application Period

October 27, 2013 through  
December 7, 2013

Placement Lottery: Friday  
December 13, 2013

Placement notifications sent prior to  
December 20, 2013

### Pool C Application Period

December 22, 2013 through  
February 1, 2014

Placement Lottery: Friday,  
February 7, 2014

Placement notifications sent prior to  
February 14, 2014

### Open house for newly accepted students and families

Dates and hours to be determined by individual Magnet and Choice schools. Check [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) for details.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the St. Louis Public Schools Office of Recruitment and Counseling at 314.633.5200.



# The lottery

Because the number of applications often exceeds the number of available spaces, all applications are entered into a lottery to place students within each pool. The lottery is used to assure an equal chance for all students applying to magnet schools, within the pool periods and using certain priority categories. (See below.)

When you enter your application using the new online entry system, or when it is entered manually for handwritten applicants, it will be assigned to its appropriate priority category. The computer program then randomly assigns a lottery pick number to the application when the placement lottery for each applicant pool is held.

The lottery program used attempts to place each applicant in his or her first choice school. If this choice is not open, the applicant's second choice is considered, presuming an additional choice is listed.

The Pool lotteries for the 2014-2015 school year will be held by:

**Pool A** - Friday, October 18, 2013

**Pool B** - Friday, December 13, 2013

**Pool C** - Friday, February 7, 2014

## What priorities affect the lottery process?

The St. Louis Magnet Schools participate in the area-wide desegregation program and have a goal of being racially integrated.

Through the lottery system, all applications have equal weight within various categories required to maintain racially integrated schools. They are:

### 1ST PRIORITY

**Continuity** – Students currently enrolled in magnet schools who are graduating to the next school level (such as elementary school to middle school) are guaranteed a seat in a magnet school. Students matriculating from middle school to high school must meet school eligibility criteria to



be considered for placement in the high school requested.

### 2ND PRIORITY

**Sibling** – Brothers and sisters of magnet school students who live at the same address and share at least one biological or legal parent have priority placement in the same magnet school building as their sibling. There is no guarantee, however, that siblings will be placed together. Applications for sibling priority consideration received in Pool B periods will be considered for placement after all Pool A applicants of all priorities are considered, and all applications for sibling priority consideration received in Pool C periods

will be considered for placement after all Pool B applicants. No sibling priority applicants will be considered after the Pool C application period closes.

### 3RD PRIORITY

**Neighborhood** – City students living within the “walk-to-school” boundaries set by the district transportation department can apply for neighborhood placement. There is no guarantee that all neighborhood applicants will be placed. Applications for neighborhood priority consideration received in Pool B periods will be considered for placement after all Pool A applicants of all priorities are considered, and all

applications for neighborhood priority consideration received in Pool C periods will be considered for placement after all Pool B applicants. No neighborhood priority applicants will be considered after the Pool C application period closes.

### 4TH PRIORITY

**St. Louis City and St. Louis County applicants** – These students are placed in magnet schools through the lottery after other pool placements are made. City and county residents have equal priority for magnet school placement.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How do I know which magnet school is the best fit for my child?

Only you can decide. Consider your child's interests and abilities, and learn about the school options available to you. Look on our website at [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) for information regarding scheduling of school based open house events. If you wish, contact the school for a personal tour. The school staff will be happy to answer questions you may have about their specific programs.

We're hosting two Magnet Recruitment Fairs. The first one is for 7th and 8th grade students and is called High School Here I Come Night, and will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **Thursday, September 5** at the Compton/Drew Investigative Learning Center, 5130 Oakland, 63110, right next door to the St. Louis Science Center. The second event will be for elementary and middle school students from 6 to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, September 24** at the Magic House, 516 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122. Admission to both events is free.

## Must I list more than one school choice on my application?

No. You may list up to two schools. If there is only one school that interests you and your child, you may limit your application to that school. Please **DO NOT** list choices for schools that you are not willing to accept.

## How will I know you received my application?

We will email or mail you a receipt verifying that we have received your application. Please review it carefully to ensure all information is correct. If you do not receive a receipt within 10 days of submitting your application, city families should contact the recruitment office at 314.633.5200, and county families should call VICC at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

## When is the Magnet School Lottery?

The Pool lotteries for the 2014-2015 school year will be held by:

**Pool A** - Friday, October 18, 2013

**Pool B** - Friday, December 13, 2013

**Pool C** - Friday, February 7, 2014

## What are my child's chances of being accepted to a magnet school?

Acceptance rates vary from year to year; there are typically more applicants than available spaces. Usually about one-third of city applicants and about one-half of county applicants are accepted.

## How will I find out if my child is accepted?

Placement Notifications will be emailed or mailed by:

**Pool A** - Friday, October 25, 2013

**Pool B** - Friday, December 20, 2013

**Pool C** - Friday, February 14, 2014

In addition, the placement program used will be available for parents to access and view their student's application information, if they have applied online and set up an account. Other families may learn the results by calling the Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314.633.5200. and county families may call the VICC office at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

## What do I do after my child is accepted?

The school your child is accepted into will contact you about an open house for newly accepted students that will be held prior to the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Check [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) for details.

## What if I change my mind after my child is accepted?

City families should inform the Recruitment and Counseling Center in writing. If you reject the acceptance, your child will

be assigned to his or her neighborhood school. County families should notify the VICC office in writing.

## What if my child is not chosen through the lottery?

Your child's name is placed on a waiting list. If additional spaces become available during the school year, you will be notified. **Applications do not carry over from year to year.**

## What if my child is not accepted to his or her first choice?

If you listed more than one choice on your application, and your child is accepted to his or her second choice, that school is the school he or she will be eligible to attend for the 2014-2015 school year. His or her name will **NOT** automatically go on a waiting list for your first choice.

If you are still interested in being considered for your first choice school, you must re-submit a new application to go on that school's waiting list.

## Once my child is accepted, do I need to reapply each year?

No. Once your child is accepted, you do not have to reapply each year, presuming he or she will be continuing at the same magnet school and continues to meet eligibility criteria.

Students graduating from 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Washington Montessori

School will be automatically assigned to Gateway Math & Science Prep.

Students graduating out of 5<sup>th</sup> grade from Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning will automatically be assigned to Busch Middle School of Character.

Students graduating from 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Dewey International Studies will automatically be assigned to Compton/Drew Investigative Learning Center.

Parents wishing to apply to magnet schools other than those assigned are free to do so, but the applications will be considered for placement under the Pool System implemented as well as the priorities within those pools.

All 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must apply to be considered for placement to a magnet or choice high school, and **criteria must be met to be eligible for placement.**

## My child attends a magnet school, but wants to transfer to a different magnet school next year. What do I do?

You must submit a new application and be accepted through the lottery. Your child will keep a spot in his or her current school until (1) he or she is accepted into the new school and (2) you've completed and returned the enrollment paperwork.

## Have a question you need answered?

City families can email [slpsmagnetschools@slps.org](mailto:slpsmagnetschools@slps.org).

County families can email [lmerlo@choicecorp.org](mailto:lmerlo@choicecorp.org).

# Magnet and Choice School Application 2014-2015 School Year

**Please Read:** See Page 4 in the guide for an explanation of the new three pool application timeline. All applications received in a Pool Application Period are given equal consideration, within placement priorities. All current Pool applicants will be considered for placement prior to reviewing and placing applicants in the next Pool. **Submission of this application will override any previous application submitted for the 2014-2015 school year. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ School District of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Magnet Sibling Attends \_\_\_\_\_  
Sibling Consideration?  Yes  No Name of Sibling \_\_\_\_\_

*Siblings are defined as children who have one biological or adoptive parent in common and reside in the same household. To receive sibling consideration for one child, the other child must be enrolled in the school of choice and be scheduled to continue in that school for the coming year, and that school must be listed as the first choice on this application form. Sibling consideration is extended to one school only. No sibling applicants will be considered for priority placement after the Pool C application period closes. (February 1, 2014)*

Check here if you wish twins to be treated as one placement at the same school. Separate applications are required.

SAFE SCHOOLS: Has your child been expelled from any school or school district for violation of school board policies relating to weapons, alcohol, drugs or for willful infliction of injury to another person?  Yes  No

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Is your child in the First Steps Program? (preschool only)  Yes  No

Has your child been referred for a special education evaluation or evaluated by the current or previous school district?  Yes  No

Does your child receive special education services and/or related services?  Yes  No

Does your child receive special education services outside the regular class for more than 60% of the time?  Yes  No

Requirements must be met to be eligible for admission to a special education classroom. Placement is contingent upon the Individual Education Program (IEP) specifying placement.

### Please Indicate Applicant's Race:

SELECT ONLY ONE CODE

- B Black/African American\*
- W White Caucasian
- H Hispanic/Latino
- A Asian or Pacific Islander
- I Native American or Alaskan
- BR Biracial - Black\*
- NB Biracial - Non-Black

\*County residents of these races are not eligible

GRADE Sept. 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIST TWO CHOICES. ONLY SELECT CHOICES YOU WILL ACCEPT.**

School Desired \_\_\_\_\_

First choice

or

Second choice

### Magnet Elementary Schools

	K = Kindergarten	*P3 = Preschool Age 3*	P4 = Preschool Age 4*
(K-8) Lyon Academy at Blow	518	(P4-5) Gateway Elementary	473
(P4-5) # Mallinckrodt Academy of Gifted Instruction	524	(P4-5) Dewey International Studies	447
(P4-5) # Kennard Classical Junior Academy (CJA)	503	(P3-5) Mullanphy Investigative Learning	559
(P3-2) # Six Early Childhood	593	(P3-5) # Washington Montessori	601
(P3-2) # Wilkinson Early Childhood at Roe	603	(P4-5) Ames Visual & Performing Arts	425
(3-5) Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning	496	(P4-5) Shaw Visual & Performing Arts	578

\* Age eligibility before August 1 for preschool and kindergarten entry must be met. See eligibility requirements on page 4. # Requirements must be met to be eligible for admission. # Bus transportation is not available for three-year-old accepted students. ^ School standards must be met to remain in this school. Students must meet weight and uniform-fit requirements for entry. The maximum waist size is 42 inches. Applicants for the 11th and 12th grade at Cleveland must have previous ROTC experience to qualify for placement. **Note: Preschool programs are available to St. Louis City students. St. Louis County students are eligible to attend Kindergarten through Grade 12.**

### Magnet Middle Schools (6-8)

Busch School of Character	305
#McKinley Classical Junior Academy	313
Gateway Math & Science Prep	323
Compton/Drew Investigative Learning	339
Carr Lane Visual & Performing Arts	307

### Magnet and Choice High Schools (9-12)

# Gateway STEM	111
# Soldan International Studies	173
# Metro Academic & Classical (9 and 10 applicants only)	156
^ # Cleveland Naval Junior ROTC @ Southwest (9 and 10 applicants only)	144
# Central Visual & Performing Arts (9 and 10 applicants only)	186
# McKinley Classical Leadership Academy	157
# Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (9-10)	100
# Carnahan School of the Future	193
# Clyde C. Miller Academy	117
# Northwest Law Academy	194

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to the current school my child is attending to release any information needed to complete the processing of this application. I do understand that once enrolled, student records will be sent to the new school district. I understand that submitting false residency information is a Class A misdemeanor, and that I may be required to pay the cost of educating my child if I provide false residency information. I understand providing false disciplinary information on this application is a Class B misdemeanor. I also give permission for my child to be tested in order to determine eligibility for the gifted programs. I understand that the Saint Louis Public Schools is not responsible for errors made by me on this application (such as grade, birth date, schools selected and/or incorrect school year application.)

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Saint Louis Public Schools

801 N. 11th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

## Magnet Early Childhood & Elementary Schools

(GRADES PS-5 EXCEPT AS NOTED)

Lyon Academy at Blow [K-8]  
516 Loughborough Ave. 63111 • 314.353.1349

Mallinckrodt Academy of Gifted Instruction  
6020 Pernod Ave. 63139 • 314.352.9212

Washington Montessori  
1130 N. Euclid 63113 • 314.361.0432

Stix Early Childhood Center [PS-2]  
647 Tower Grove Ave. 63110 • 314.533.0874

Wilkinson Early Childhood Center@Roe [PS-2]  
1921 Prather 63139 • 314.645.1202

Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning [3-5]  
2516 South 9th St. 63104 • 314.932.5720

Gateway Elementary  
#4 Gateway Drive 63106 • 314.241.8255

Mullanphy Investigative Learning Center  
4221 Shaw Blvd. 63110 • 314.772.0994

Dewey International Studies  
6746 Clayton Ave. 63139 • 314.645.4845

Shaw Visual and Performing Arts  
5329 Columbia Ave. 63139 • 314.776.5091

Ames Visual and Performing Arts  
2900 Hadley Ave. 63107 • 314.241.7165

Kennard Classical Junior Academy  
5031 Potomac Ave. 63139 • 314.353.8875

SPECIALTY

General Academics

Gifted PS-4  
General Academics 5th Grade  
General Academics  
Gifted Enrichment Available

Early Childhood Education  
Gifted Enrichment Available

Early Childhood Education  
Gifted Enrichment Available

General Academics

Math-Science-Technology

Math-Science-Technology  
Gifted Enrichment Available

International Studies  
Gifted Enrichment Available

Visual and Performing Arts  
Gifted Enrichment Available

Visual and Performing Arts  
Gifted Enrichment Available

Gifted Education

Note: Preschool programs are only available to St. Louis City students. St. Louis County students are eligible to attend Kindergarten through Grade 12.

## Magnet Middle Schools

(GRADES 6-8)

Busch Middle School of Character  
5910 Clifton Ave. 63109 • 314.352.1043

McKinley Classical Junior Academy  
2156 Russell Blvd. 63104 • 314.773.0027

Gateway Math & Science Prep  
1200 N. Jefferson Ave. 63106 • 314.241.2295

Compton/Drew Investigative Learning Center  
5130 Oakland Ave. 63110 • 314.652.9282

Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts  
1004 N. Jefferson Ave. 63106 • 314.231.0413

SPECIALTY

General Academics

Gifted Education

Math-Science-Technology

Math-Science-Technology

Visual and Performing Arts  
Gifted Enrichment Available

## Magnet High Schools

(GRADES 9-12, EXCEPT AS NOTED)

**NEW!** Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience [9-10]  
450 Des Peres Ave. 63112 • 314.345.4531

McKinley Classical Leadership Academy  
2156 Russell Blvd. 63104 • 314.773.0027

Metro Academic and Classical High School  
4015 McPherson Ave. 63108 • 314.534.3894

Gateway STEM  
5101 McRee Ave. 63110 • 314.776.3300

Soldan International Studies  
918 Union Ave. 63108 • 314.367.9222

Cleveland Naval Junior ROTC @ Southwest  
4939 Kemper 63139 • 314.776.1301

Central Visual and Performing Arts  
3125 S. Kingshighway Blvd. 63139 • 314.771.2772

SPECIALTY

Pre-College Curricula

Gifted Education

General Academics

Math-Science-Technology

International Studies

Military

Visual and Performing Arts

## Questions?

If you have additional questions about the application and placement process, city families should call the Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314.633.5200. County families should call the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (VICC) at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012. For school related questions, please call the magnet school directly.

## Important Dates and Deadlines

### Open House at all magnet schools

Dates and hours to be determined by individual magnet and choice schools. Check District website at [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) for dates and times.

### Magnet Recruitment Fairs

Thursday, September 5, 2013  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24, 2013  
6 - 8 p.m.

### High School Here I Come Night

for 7th and 8th  
Grade Students

### Magnet School Recruitment Fair

for Elementary and Middle  
School Students

Compton/Drew Investigative  
Learning Center  
5130 Oakland 63110

Emerson Education Center  
The Magic House  
516 S. Kirkwood Road 63122

Free Admission



### Pool A Application Period

September 1, 2013  
through October 12, 2013

Placement Lottery:  
Friday October 18, 2013

Placement notifications  
sent prior to October  
25, 2013

### Pool B Application Period

October 27, 2013 through  
December 7, 2013

Placement Lottery:  
Friday December 13, 2013

Placement notifications  
sent prior to December  
20, 2013

### Pool C Application Period

December 22, 2013  
through February 1, 2014

Placement Lottery:  
Friday, February 7, 2014

Placement notifications  
sent prior to February  
14, 2014

### Open house for newly accepted students and families

Dates and hours to be determined by individual Magnet and Choice schools. Check [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) for details.

**Applications for the 2014-2015 school year will NOT be accepted after Friday May 23, 2014.**