

Selection Criteria-Gifted Magnet Schools

- Meet the minimum residency requirements

- **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

- Meet the gifted testing requirements

- 95th Percentile on Intelligence Test AND 95th Percentile on Academic Test

- The St. Louis Public Schools Gifted Testing Offices does not inform parents of the test instrument(s) being used at any time prior to the administration of the test for their child.

Selection Criteria-Gifted Magnet Schools Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I have my child tested for Gifted Services?

- Contact the district's Gifted Office at (314)345-4548 for more information and how to schedule testing.

- St. Louis Public Schools does not accept testing results from outside or private agencies.

- How often can I have my child tested for gifted?

- A minimum of one calendar year (365 days) between testing.

- What happens during the gifted testing?

- Testing will be administered at 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101

- The intelligence test administered depends on the age of the child and previous testing

- The academic test administered depends on the grade level of the child being tested

- Length of the test is dependent on the child's age and abilities (25 minutes – 2.5 hours)

- Results are discussed with parents following the testing session and a written report will be delivered by mail.

Applications are screened using:

- Standardized Test Scores: MAP or other district benchmark test results
- Teacher Checklist (PK – 12)
- Parent Checklist (PK and KG only)

Applying for Gifted Magnet Schools

➤ How do I apply?

- Online www.slps.org
- Fill out the paper application found in the Magnet School Guide and return/mail it to Student Recruitment & Placement at 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101
- Scan and email to slpsmagnetschools@slps.org

➤ What happens next?

- Next, a confirmation receipt will be emailed or mailed to your home.
- Applications received by Student Recruitment & Placement are time-stamped before being entered into database if paper application is submitted
- Placement Priority is assigned based on information submitted with application and interface with SLPS student database if applicable
- Application delivered to Gifted Testing Offices
- Application Screened
- If the child meets criteria then a testing appointment is scheduled
- Lottery Drawing
 - All applicants are entered into the lottery
 - Testing is not required for an applicant to be considered in the lottery but Gifted Eligible status is required for a student to be accepted and offered a seat

➤ What is the Lottery?

- When your child's application is submitted, it will be reviewed and assigned to its appropriate Placement Priority category.
- When the lottery is run the system randomly selects an application within the Placement Priority order, and attempts to assign the applicant to the first choice and then second choice if needed.
- The number of applicants for specific schools and grade levels will often exceed the number of available spaces, so all applications are entered into a lottery with those applicants who are unable to be placed being added to waiting lists.
- The lottery system is used to assure an equal chance of placement for all students applying to magnet schools, within the established Placement Priority categories.