



# *2015-16 Magnet School Guide*

With 27 specialty schools to choose from, the SLPS Magnet Schools offer an **EXCITING, TUITION-FREE** alternative for students of all ages and abilities.

Make the right choice for your child!

# Choose SLPS 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 Saint Louis Public Schools Magnet School Program.

For almost three decades, Saint 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

## 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.

Updates to this information can be found at [www.slpsmagnetschools.org](http://www.slpsmagnetschools.org) or [slps.org/magnetschools](http://slps.org/magnetschools)



Please join us at one of the following events:

### **MAGNET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES** 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 seventh and eighth Grade Students

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Compton-Drew Investigative Learning Center  
5130 Oakland Ave. 63110

### **MAGNET SCHOOL RECRUITMENT FAIR**

for Elementary and Middle School Students

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014 | 6 - 8 p.m.

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

Free Admission



## 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 nth degree. SLPS Magnet Schools proudly offer the only FULL-time, tuition-free PS-8 gifted education in the metropolitan area. Our rigorous and challenging curricula are guaranteed to fulfill your gifted learner's needs. Saint 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, Saint Louis Zoo, the University of Missouri - St. Louis and others further enrich your child's experience.

## Share Cultures

Bonjour! Guten Tag! International Studies Magnet 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 is ranked #121 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.

## *What's New!*

### Stix Early Childhood Center GIFTED CLASSROOM

647 Tower Grove Ave.  
314.533.0874

(Kindergarten and First Grade for 2015-16)

Stix serves as an Early Childhood Center and operates under the instructional methodology of Project Construct. Project Construct offers students "hands-on, minds-on" experiences to attain deep understanding in the core content areas, while they also learn to work collaboratively with adults and peers and to be lifelong problem solvers.

Within the Project Construct instructional

methodology, Stix is offering a classroom beginning at the kindergarten grade level (no gifted preschool classroom is offered) for students who qualify for gifted programs in SLPS. Any student currently attending Stix, as well as those who do not, must apply to be considered for placement in the Stix Gifted Classroom. All applicants must apply through the Magnet and Choice Schools application and placement process and qualify for gifted programs to be offered a seat in the Stix Gifted Classroom. Stix Gifted Classroom second grade graduates will be automatically assigned to the Kennard Classical Junior Academy for third grade beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

At a magnet school,  
your child can ...

# What every parent should know about Magnet Schools

## Who's eligible?

The following students are eligible to apply for a spot in an SLPS Magnet or Choice 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, and they are not eligible to apply for Choice Schools: Northwest Law Academy, Carnahan High School of the Future and Clyde C. Miller Career Academy.

## The application process

Students wishing to attend a Magnet or Choice School must submit an application, which can be done online at [www.slpsmagnetschools.org](http://www.slpsmagnetschools.org). Printable copies of applications are available for city residents at the SLPS website, [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org), or by calling the Student Recruitment and Placement Office at 314.633.5200. St. Louis County residents can visit the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC) website, [www.choicecorp.org](http://www.choicecorp.org). At this website click on "Information about applying," or call 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

Applications not submitted online, can be mailed to or dropped off at:

### SAINT LOUIS CITY RESIDENTS:

Saint Louis Public Schools  
Student Recruitment and Placement Office  
801 N. 11th St.  
St. Louis, MO 63101

### SAINT LOUIS COUNTY RESIDENTS:

Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC)  
7425 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 110  
St. Louis, MO 63105

## Placement Procedures

### Please complete only one application per child.

If a second application is submitted, the lottery system used to place students into open seats at schools requested will consider only the most recent application submitted for potential placement in the Pool A and Pool B lotteries.

After the Pool A Lottery is complete, new applications with different or additional choices for consideration in the Pool B Lottery will override any previous application submitted for a student that is on a wait list from the Pool A lottery. Any application submitted for a different school than the site a student was accepted into will not be processed unless the seat offered has been declined.

Please do not submit a request for placement to a school you are not willing to have your child attend. Any child accepted to a school will not be considered for placement to other choices or remain on the wait list for other choices requested. This includes students accepted to a second choice request. Any student accepted to a requested second choice will no longer be considered for placement, nor remain on the wait list for the first choice requested.

### Deadlines

The District has implemented a two-pool application, placement and notification timeline for students applying to Magnet and Choice Schools. This procedure allows for quicker notification and information to be provided for acceptances, as well as available openings. See below for the two pool application deadlines and notifications dates.

### Pool A Application Period

Oct. 1, 2014 through Nov. 5, 2014  
Placement notifications will be sent before Nov. 26, 2014 for students applying in Pool A.

### Pool B Application Period

Nov. 26, 2014 through Jan. 7, 2015  
(Applications submitted after the Pool A deadline but before Nov. 26, 2014 will be considered for Pool B placement.)  
Placement notifications will be sent prior to Jan. 28, 2015 for students applying in Pool B.

### Post-Lottery Application Period

Applications received after the Jan. 7, 2015 Pool B deadline will be processed and considered for placement in the order received, after all applicants from pools A and B have been placed.

### Important

Schools and individual grades at schools — where all available seats have been projected as full for the 2015-16 school year with a lengthy wait list in place — may be removed as a requestable choice when submitting an application. This is done to encourage applicants to consider schools where openings exist, and not simply to be added to a lengthy wait list without chance of receiving an offer for placement.

Applications for the 2015-16 school year will not be processed after Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015.

# Choice High Schools

## Carnahan High School of the Future

4041 S. 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 GPA of 2.5
- Minimal behavior infractions and no Type I infractions
- Personal interview with the student
- A strong interest in technology
- Attendance must be 95 percent and above

## Clyde C. Miller Career Academy

1000 N. Grand Blvd.  
314.371.0394

Clyde C. Miller Career Academy provides students with access to a traditional academic program, as well as in-depth exposure in its career and technical program. Students choose and Career and Technical Pathway as a major at the end of their sophomore year, and complete their senior year of the program on an internship in the field. Approximately, 98 percent of our graduates pursue continuing education at the collegiate level and continuing technical education, as well as military service, as seen by the number of alumni who have graduated from some of the top colleges and universities across the country. Students will attend school located in a state-of-the-art 143,000 square foot facility. In addition, Career Academy has arguably one of the top athletic programs in the city of St. Louis.

Students are required:

- 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 a placement assessment
- Career Academy only accepts 9th and 10th grade applicants
- Adherence to uniform policy

## 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 2.8 GPA
- Personal interview with the student
- Copy of discipline record good standing in citizenship

# Magnet High Schools

## 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 GPA of 2.75
- Submit a copy of previous year’s attendance. Based on 176 days of school, the student must have at least a 93 percent attendance rate
- Submit a copy of the previous year’s discipline report and be in good citizenship standing (no out of school suspensions)

- Submit two letters of recommendation. Two personal recommendation letters should come from (1) an administrator and (2) an art teacher
- Once all required documentation is received, audition dates and times will be scheduled. Students who are granted auditions must attend at the scheduled time prepared to audition and be interviewed by the administrative staff
- CVPA only accepts ninth and tenth grade applicants
- All accepted students are required to attend CVPA’s 9th grade transition program, parent orientation, pre-register and be present on the first day of school

## Cleveland NJROTC

4939 Kemper Ave.  
314.776.1301

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

leadership though the structure embedded in the NJROTC program.

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

Eligibility criteria to Cleveland Junior Naval Academy include:

- 2.5 minimum GPA
- Grade of C or better in math and communication arts for the entire year
- Submission of a five-paragraph essay, “Why I want to be a cadet at Cleveland Naval Junior Academy”
- Interview with student and parent/guardian prior to acceptance
- Must have a good attendance record
- Must have no significant discipline history
- Parents of accepted students are required to attend a two-hour orientation with the cadet candidates and be willing to accept the responsibility for the uniforms if they are lost or damaged

# Magnet High Schools

## Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (9-11)

450 Des Peres Ave.  
314.696.2290

The Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (CSMB) Magnet High School is a community of learners with a student body that represents more than 35 ZIP codes and county districts such as Ladue, Lindbergh, Parkway and Rockwood. The school embraces the highest of academic standards. CSMB 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, Texas. CSMB offers advanced curricula, which include many honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. CSMB's environment and culture is one in which all of its students and staff work together toward a common goal of careers in medicine, health and biomedical 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 include a minimum of four mathematics and eight 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 local partners Goldfarb School of Nursing, Washington University Medical School, Saint Louis University School of Medicine and Saint Louis College of Pharmacy. All students complete an internship/practicum during their senior year.

CSMB requires a written commitment from both students and parents to follow the rigorous four-year course sequence, complete a minimum of 200 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:

- Sixth and Seventh grade final report card
- First grading period report card of Eighth grade
- Test record (MAP or other national

achievement tests)

- Excellent attendance record (documented)
- Letters of recommendation from two of the following: 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 ninth grade

## Gateway STEM

5101 McRee Ave.  
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.

Eligibility criteria to attend Gateway STEM High School include:

- Interest in mathematics, science, engineering 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
- Student transcripts/report cards, test scores, reflecting aptitude and success in mathematics, science and writing
- Attendance of 90% or better required (over 93% preferred) and no major discipline infractions or repeated behavioral issues
- Commitment to parental involvement, i.e., PTA, advisory committees, booster clubs, support of school, volunteering

## Metro Academic and Classical

4015 McPherson Ave.  
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. Service to the community is encouraged, while the school promotes learning in all areas to prepare students to become responsible members of society who can function in a technology-oriented world.

- Applicant must score at or above the Third Achievement level on all of the most recent MAP/EOC tests or be at the 50 percentile level or more on a standardized test, in all sub-areas of the test.
- Applicant must score at or above the 50 percentile level on Acuity tests, if available, throughout the school year of application.
- Applicant must score at or above the Third Achievement Level on all MAP/EOC exams taken in the eighth grade after the application was submitted and acceptance was made. Continued achievement is expected.
- Applicant must have good attendance with no more than five absences per 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 most recent report card and their last report card of their eighth grade year to validate classroom academic achievement and attendance. This report card must reflect 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. No D in a core subject is acceptable.
- Applicant must have excellent or good evaluations on each item on the Official Recommendation Checklist Form. Recommendations must be submitted by two of the following: applicant's teacher, counselor, principal or designated administrator.
- Students applying for 10th grade must submit a transcript reflecting all semesters enrolled, including the last completed semester and a report card from the most recent grading period. The applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.3 and no Ds or Fs on their transcripts. Transcript should also validate attendance and grade level. EOC tests scores apply as mentioned above.



# Magnet High Schools

## McKinley Classical Leadership Academy

2156 Russell Blvd.  
314.773.0027

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

## Soldan International Studies High School

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, 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 opportunities to connect with other students around the world.

Students at Soldan are prepared for careers in the 21st century through Soldan's community partnerships. The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) 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. 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 GPA or higher
- 90 percent 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, Chinese and German.
- **Select a Career Pathway** International Business, Business Management, PLTW Biomedical Sciences careers in engineering or medicine; and the leadership and law with Washington University Law School.



# 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. Go to [www.slpsmagnetschools.org](http://www.slpsmagnetschools.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 might have about their programs.

The High School Here I Come night for current seventh and eighth grade students will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, at Compton-Drew Investigative Learning Center Middle School at 5130 Oakland Ave.

SLPS high school representatives will make presentations and answer questions to interested students and their parents.

The Elementary and Middle Magnet Schools Recruitment Fair will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014 in the Emerson Education Center at The Magic House at 516 S. Kirkwood Rd.

## I don't see my child's grade as an option when applying for my school choice.

### What do I do?

If you don't see the school or grade desired when applying for a specific program, this means that there are currently no open seats remaining for this grade level at this school, and the wait list is lengthy. Please consider applying to other schools with openings. If you have questions, please call 314.633.5200.

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

No. You can list up to two schools, but you are not required to. If there is only one school that interests you and your child, you can limit your application to that school. Please do not apply for a school you are not willing to send your child to attend. Students accepted to any school choice requested will no longer be considered for placement to the other school requested on the submitted application.

## 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 Student Recruitment and Placement office at 314.633.5200. St. Louis County resident families should call the VICC office at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

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

Applying within the lottery period deadlines will greatly increase the chances of a child receiving an acceptance offer. Please note, do not apply for a school you are not willing to send your child to attend. Students accepted to any school choice requested

will no longer be considered for placement to the other school requested on the submitted application. Acceptance rates vary from year to year depending on the number of seats available for a school/grade level.

## When is the Magnet School Lottery?

The two Pool lotteries for the 2015-16 school year will be held:

Pool A - Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014

Pool B - Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015

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

Placement Notifications will be emailed or mailed by:

Pool A - Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014

Pool B - Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015

The Application and Placement program and websites used allow parents to access and view their student's application information, if they have applied online and set up an account. Families also can learn the results by calling the Student Recruitment and Placement Office at 314.633.5200 or by emailing a request to [slpsmagnetschools@slps.org](mailto:slpsmagnetschools@slps.org). St. Louis County resident families can call the VICC office at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012, or email [lmerlo@choicecorp.org](mailto:lmerlo@choicecorp.org).

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

If your child is accepted, this will be considered as the school for assignment unless you refuse the seat in writing or via the email notification system. The school your child is accepted to will contact you about an open house for newly accepted students that will be held before the end of the 2014-15 school year. Check [www.slps.org/magnetschools](http://www.slps.org/magnetschools) for details.

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

St. Louis City resident families should inform the Student Recruitment and Placement Office in writing, or log in to their personal account to decline the seat, or send an email to [slpsmagnetschools@slps.org](mailto:slpsmagnetschools@slps.org). Please include your child's name, birthdate, the school and grade where a seat was offered, and the reason for declining the seat. For SLPS students, if the seat offered is declined, the child's school assignment will default to their previously attended Saint Louis Public School. St. Louis County resident families should notify the VICC office in writing, or send an email to [lmerlo@choicecorp.org](mailto:lmerlo@choicecorp.org).

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

Your child's name will be placed on a wait list. If additional spaces for the school year applied for become available, you will be notified via email or letter. If your child is not accepted, you would need to reapply for the next school year, if desired. If your child has not been accepted to a school requested and you wish to apply for a different school, or a school where openings exist, the previous application submitted and wait list spot held by that application will be deleted to accommodate the new placement request.



## 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 2015-16 school year. His or her name will NOT automatically go on a wait list for the first choice, and the other choice requested will be deleted from the applications database.

If you are still interested in being considered for your first-choice school, you must refuse the seat to the school requested and where the seat was offered, and resubmit a new application to go on the desired school's wait list. The placement on that school's wait list will be determined by lottery placement if submitted for Pool B consideration, or added first come first served for applications submitted after the Pool B Lottery deadline.

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

No. Once your child is accepted, enrolled and attending a Magnet/Choice School you do not have to reapply each year, presuming he or she will finish each school year at the same Magnet/Choice School and continues to meet eligibility criteria.

Specific second-to-third, and fifth-to-sixth grade

students advancing to the next school level will automatically be assigned to the continuity school for the program they are attending.

Go to [www.slps.org/magnetschools](http://www.slps.org/magnetschools) for the Magnet/Choice Schools feeder pattern.

**IMPORTANT!** All eighth to ninth grade students must apply to be considered for placement to a Magnet or Choice High School. All criteria must be met to be eligible for placement. Eighth grade Magnet Middle School graduates are not guaranteed placement into the continuing themed Magnet or Choice High School if the eligibility criteria for that school is not met.

## 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 the enrollment paperwork at the new school. Currently enrolled Magnet and Choice schools students are the last group considered for placement into other Magnet and Choice Schools. SLPS Magnet and Choice Schools enrollment does not allow for open transfer from one Magnet or Choice School to another.

## Have a question you need answered?

City families can email [slpsmagnetschools@slps.org](mailto:slpsmagnetschools@slps.org) or call Student Recruitment and Placement at 314.633.5200

County families can email [Imerlo@choicecorp.org](mailto:Imerlo@choicecorp.org) or call Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC) at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

For school-related questions, please call the Magnet School directly.





# The lottery



Because the number of applicants requesting placement often exceeds the number of open/available seats, applications received within the stated deadlines and dates are entered into a lottery to place students. Two lotteries are scheduled for placement of applicants submitting requests within two distinct time periods, or pools. The lotteries are used to assure an equal chance for all students applying to Magnet/Choice Schools, within the pool application periods and within placement priority categories.

When you enter your application using the online entry system, or when it is entered manually for paper-submitted applications, the request will be assigned to its appropriate priority category. The computer program then randomly selects an applicant and attempts to place the student in the choice(s) selected, beginning with the 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 2015-16 school year will be held by:

**Pool A** - Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014

**Pool B** - Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015

## What priorities affect the lottery process?

The SLPS 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/Choice School where open seats exist/remain. Students matriculating from middle school to high school must meet school

eligibility criteria to be considered for placement in the Magnet/Choice High School requested.

### 2ND PRIORITY

**Sibling** — Brothers and sisters of Magnet/Choice School students who live at the same address and share at least one biological or legal parent have priority placement in the same Magnet/Choice 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. No applicants will be assigned Sibling Priority status after the Pool B 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 Priority placement. There is no guarantee that all Neighborhood Priority eligible 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. No applicants will be assigned Neighborhood Priority status after the Pool B application period closes.

### REMAINING PRIORITIES

St. Louis City and St. Louis County applicants — These students are placed in Magnet Schools through the Pool A and Pool B lotteries after the higher priority placements are made. These priorities vary depending on the school a child currently attends. St. Louis City and St. Louis County residents are considered equally for Magnet School placement within these priorities. Click this link for more information [www.slps.org/magnetschools](http://www.slps.org/magnetschools).



# Magnet and Choice School Application

## 2015-2016 School Year

**Please Read:** See Page 4 in the guide for an explanation of the new two-pool application timeline. All application 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 2015-2016 school year. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Student's Name Please Print \_\_\_\_\_ 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 extended to one school only. No sibling applicants will be considered for priority placement after the Pool B application period closes.

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 violation of school board policies relating to weapons, alcohol, drugs or for willful infliction of injury to another person?  Yes  No

**ESOL:** Does student use a language other than English?  Yes  No Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a language other than English used at student's home?  Yes  No Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 percent 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  
 Biracial - Black\*  
 Biracial - Non-Black

\*County Residents of these races are not eligible

GRADE in Sept. 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Desired \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
First choice 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) # Wallinckrott Academy of Gifted Instruction	524 (P4-5) Dewey International Studies	447
(P4-5) # Kennard Classical Junior Academy (CJA)	503 (P3-5) Mullaphy Investigative Learning	559
(P3-2) # Six Early Childhood	593 (P3-5) # Washington Montessori	601
(K-1) # Six Early Childhood Gifted Classroom	594 (P4-5) Ames Visual & Performing Arts	425
(P3-2) # Wilkinson Early Childhood at Roe	603 (P4-5) Shaw Visual & Performing Arts	578
(3-5) Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning	496	

\* Age eligibility before August 1 for preschool and kindergarten entry must be met. See eligibility requirements on page 4. # Requiring 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 County residents 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 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 (9-11)	100
# Carnahan School of the Future	193
# Clyde C. Miller Academy	117
# Northwest Law Academy	194

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work/Cell # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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 residence 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 that 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 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 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 City families return to: Saint Louis Public Schools, Student Recruitment & Placement Office, 801 N. 11th St., St. Louis, MO 63101 (314.633.5200, Fax: 314.633.5230)



**Saint Louis Public Schools**  
 801 N. 11th Street  
 Saint Louis, MO 63101

## Magnet Early Childhood and Elementary Schools

(Grades PS-5 Except as Noted)

**Lyon Academy at Blow**  
 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 S. 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

**Note:** Preschool programs are only available to St. Louis City students. St. Louis County students are eligible to attend kindergarten through grade 12.

### Specialty

General Academics

Gifted PS-4  
 General Academics grade 5

General Academics  
 Gifted Enrichment Available

Early Childhood Education  
 Gifted Enrichment Available

Early Childhood Education  
 Gifted Enrichment Available

Early Childhood Education  
 Gifted Enrichment Available

Math-Science-Technology

Math-Science-Technology

International Studies  
 Gifted Enrichment Available

Visual and Performing Arts  
 Gifted Enrichment Available

Visual and Performing Arts  
 Gifted Enrichment Available

Gifted Education

## 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)

**Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (9-11)**  
 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

Accelerated 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 Student Recruitment and Placement Office at 314.633.5200. County families should call the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC) at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

For school-related questions, please call the Magnet School directly. City families can email [slpsmagnetschools@slps.org](mailto:slpsmagnetschools@slps.org). County families can email [Imerlo@choicecorp.org](mailto:Imerlo@choicecorp.org).

## Important Dates and Deadlines

Open Houses 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

#### HIGH SCHOOL HERE I COME NIGHT

for seventh and eighth Grade Students  
 Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Compton/Drew Investigative Learning Center  
 5130 Oakland Ave. 63110

#### Pool A Application Period

Oct. 1, 2014 - Nov. 5, 2014  
 Placement notifications will be sent before Nov. 26, 2014.

#### MAGNET SCHOOL RECRUITMENT FAIR

for Elementary and Middle School Students  
 Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014 6 - 8 p.m.  
 Emerson Education Center The Magic House  
 516 S. Kirkwood Road 63122  
 Free Admission

#### Pool B Application Period

Nov. 26, 2014 - Jan. 7, 2015  
 Placement notifications will be sent prior to Jan. 28, 2015.

Open house for prospective students and families

Dates and hours to be determined by individual Magnet and Choice Schools.

Check [www.slpsmagnetschools.org](http://www.slpsmagnetschools.org) for details.

