



SAINT LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC FORUM MAGNET & CHOICE SCHOOLS APPLICATION PROCESS

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Welcome



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□ Introductions

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Data for the 2012-2013 School Year



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As of February 14, 2012:

- Total Magnet School Seats: 12,310
- Total Magnet School Seats Filled: 11,123
- Total Openings: 1,187
- Applications Processed: 6,025
- High School Applicants: 1,750
- Gifted Programs Applicants: 737*
- Gifted Tests Administered: 512
- Applicants Determined Eligible: 377
 - Applicants Determined NOT Eligible: 232

**First choice only*

Definition

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- **What is a Magnet School?**
 - Where are the District's Magnet Schools?

- **What is a Choice School?**
 - Where are the District's Choice Schools?

Eligibility Requirements

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□ What are the minimum Eligibility Requirements?

□ Residency

The following students are eligible to apply for a seat 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 following students are eligible to apply for a seat in a choice school:

- ***Any student living in the City of St. Louis***

Choosing a School



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- **How do I choose the right school?**
 - Learn about the magnet & choice school options
 - By attending Magnet & Choice School Fairs
 - By attending Magnet & Choice School Open Houses
 - By calling the school to make an appointment
 - Consider the selection criteria
 - Complete the Magnet & Choice Application process



Selection Criteria- Magnet Schools

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- **Elementary & Middle (non-gifted)**
 - Meet the minimum residency requirements

- **Elementary & Middle (gifted)**
 - Meet the minimum residency requirements
 - Meet the gifted testing requirements

- **High Schools**
 - Meet the minimum residency requirements
 - Attendance Record
 - Academic Record
 - Discipline Record
 - Complete the *school-specific* requirements (see handout)

Selection Criteria- Gifted Magnet Schools



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- **Schools:**
 - Kennard, Mallinckrodt (PreK-2nd), & McKinley CJA

- **Applications are screened using:**
 - Standardized Test Scores: MAP or District benchmark tests
 - Teacher checklist
 - Parent checklist (PreK only)

- **EGT: Eligible for Gifted Services**
 - 95th Percentile on Intelligence Test AND
 - 95th Percentile on Academic Test

Selection Criteria-Gifted Magnet Schools



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- **How do I have my child tested for Gifted Services?**
 - Contact the Gifted Office at (314) 345-4548.
- **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 St., St. Louis, 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.

Application Process

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- **Where can I find the application?**
 - Online www.slps.org
 - Call Recruitment & Counseling at (314) 633-5200 for a copy to be mailed
 - Visit the school or visit Central Office to pick up a Magnet School Guide in person
 - Request an application via email at slpsmagnetschools@slps.org
- **How do I apply?**
 - Online www.slps.org
 - Fill out the paper application found in the Magnet School Guide and return/mail it to Recruitment & Counseling at 801 N. 11th St., 63101
 - Scan and email to slpsmagnetschools@slps.org
 - Next, a confirmation receipt will be mailed to your home.

Application: Next Steps

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Magnet Elementary & Middle Schools (non-gifted)

- ❑ Application received and time-stamped before being entered into database
 - Applications must be received between September 1 and November 30 to be eligible for the Lottery.

- ❑ Priority assigned
 - Priority explained on slide 14

- ❑ Lottery drawing
 - Occurs Mid-December

Application: Next Steps

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Magnet & Choice High Schools

- Application received and time-stamped before being entered into database
 - Applications must be received between September 1 and October 15th to be eligible for the Lottery.

- Priority assigned
 - Priority explained on slide 14

- Application information electronically sent to schools to determine eligibility

- Lottery drawing
 - Occurs Mid-December

Application: Next Steps

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Gifted Magnet Schools

- Application received by Recruitment & Counseling and time-stamped before being entered into database
 - *Gifted applications MUST be turned in between September 1 and October 15th to be eligible for lottery*
- Priority Assigned
- Application delivered to Gifted & Talented
- Application Screened
- Forms Mailed to Families
 - Once testing forms have been returned to Gifted & Talented then:
- Applicant Tested
 - If student meets criteria then:
- Lottery Drawing

Priorities

Lottery Priorities

- Priority 0: Direct Continuity
- Priority 1: Indirect Continuity
- Priority 2: Siblings
- Priority 3: Neighborhood
- Priority 4: Students currently enrolled in a REGULAR St. Louis Public School
- Priority 5: Students currently enrolled in schools outside the St. Louis Public Schools System
- Priority 6: Students currently enrolled in a St. Louis Magnet School

Post-Lottery Priorities

- Priority 7: NON- SLPS Students applying after the Mid-October early deadline for gifted and secondary schools and the Nov. 30 general lottery deadline.
- Priority 8: Current- SLPS Students applying after the Mid-October early deadline for gifted and secondary schools and the Nov. 30 general lottery deadline.

Other

- Priority 9: Students applying who do not meet residence eligibility criteria, are too young, submit incomplete applications, have invalid choices or not eligible for other reasons.

Lottery



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□ What is the Lottery?

- When we receive your application, it will be entered into our computer system and be assigned to its appropriate priority category. The computer then randomly assigns an identification number to the application when the sorting lottery is held.
- Because the number of applications for specific schools and grade levels exceeds the number of available spaces, all applications are entered into a lottery. The lottery assures an equal chance for all students applying to magnet schools, within certain priority categories.

Acceptance



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□ **Acceptance**

- Notifications sent by mail starting in mid-January.
- Hold on to your acceptance letter! You'll need it when you enroll your child in school. You'll also need to return the Intent to Attend form by the deadline date specified on the form. We will explain the enrollment process during the Open House for newly accepted students.

Openings for 2012-2013



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Elementary Schools

- Ames VPA (PreK, K, 3rd, 4th, 5th)
- Dewey IS (PreK & 5th)
- Gateway MST (5th)
- Humboldt AHL (3rd, 4th, 5th)
- Lyon@Blow (K, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th)
- Mallinckrodt (PreK, 3rd, 4th, 5th)
- Mullanphy (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)
- Stix (2nd)
- Washington Montessori (3rd & 5th)
- Wilkinson (1st & 2nd)

* Additional openings may become available

Middle Schools

- McKinley CJA (6th, 7th, 8th)
- Gateway MST (6th, 7th, 8th)
- Carr Lane (6th, 7th, 8th)

High Schools

- All High Schools, All Grades
(EXCEPT METRO A&C)

For enrollment information please contact
the Office of Recruitment and Counseling
Phone: (314) 633-5200

Email: slpsmagnetschools@slps.org

Address: 801 N. 11th St, St. Louis, 63101

ALL APPLICANTS MUST MEET CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PLACEMENT

Magnet Schools Feeder Patterns



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<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	-	<u>MIDDLE</u>	-	<u>HIGH</u>
Ames VPA	TO	Carr Lane VPA	TO	Central VPA*
Shaw VPA	TO	Carr Lane VPA	TO	Central VPA*
Kennard CJA	TO	McKinley CJA	TO	McKinley CLA*
Mallinckrodt AGI#	TO	Choice of Magnet Middle#	TO	*
Gateway Elem	TO	Gateway Mid	TO	Gateway IT*
Dewey IS	TO	Choice of Magnet Middle	TO	*
Mullanphy ILC	TO	Compton/Drew ILC	TO	Gateway IT
Lyon@Blow ABI K-8	TO	Lyon@Blow ABI K-8	TO	Choice of Magnet/Choice High Schools*
Stix ECC (P3-2nd) TO Humboldt (3rd -5th)	TO	Choice of Magnet Middle**	TO	*
Wilkinson ECC (P3-2nd) TO Humboldt (3rd-5th)	TO	Choice of Magnet Middle**	TO	*
Washington Montessori	TO	Choice of Magnet Middle	TO	*
**Busch MSC currently has no feeder but Humboldt is being considered as a feeder for 2013-14 Carnahan, Cleveland, Clyde Miller, Metro, Northwest and Soldan have no direct feeder middle school				
*All applicants to magnet and choice high schools MUST meet eligibility requirements.				
#Mallinckrodt will feed McKinley middle when gifted students matriculate through in 2016-2017				

Conclusion

- Thank you
- Questions?

