

MOORE SQUARE

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What school calendar do you follow?

A: We are on the modified calendar, which we believe to be the best of both traditional and year-round calendars. We have a shorter summer, but longer breaks throughout the year. View our current [calendar here](#).

Q: How does carpool work?

A: View our [school website](#) for information, pictures, and videos on transportation.

Q: What after-school activities do you have?

A: We partner with Ligon Middle School for school-sponsored sports. 7th and 8th-grade students take a bus from Moore Square for tryouts, practices, and games. You will then pick your student up at Ligon when they are finished, typically 4:30ish. View available [athletics here](#).

We host basketball, volleyball, and soccer intramurals here at Moore Square, which are available for all students from 2:30-3:30. Each sport is one day a week. I describe this as an informal recreational league where students play against each other instead of school vs. school. The schedule can be [found here](#).

We also have a wide variety of [after-school clubs](#) sponsored by our Moore Square staff. Don't see a club your student is interested in? All they have to do is find a staff member to be the advisor and they can start something new!

Q: How will I know what's going on at the school?

A: All school-related information and events are shared on our website and social media. I put the same things on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, so the easiest thing to do is pick which platform you are most comfortable with and check weekly. We also send out a weekly Friday email with any updates.

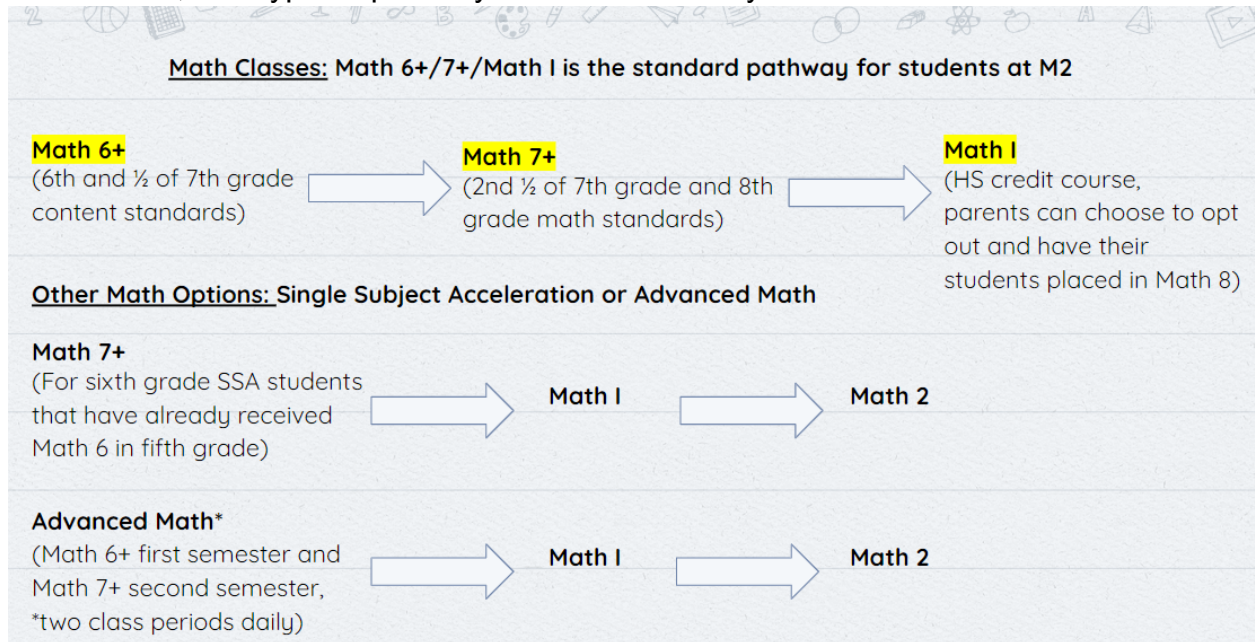
Q: What does the AIG program look like in middle school?

A: Identified 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students receive differentiated curriculum and instruction in language arts and/or mathematics within the general education setting. Options may include cluster and flexible skills grouping, differentiated units, and

collaborative teaching between the classroom and the AIG teacher. The AIG teacher consults with the classroom teacher regarding differentiated curriculum and instruction and also facilitates a variety of small-group learning experiences. Services vary depending on course offerings and student performance.

Q: Can my student complete SSA for math?

A: Yes! Also, our “typical” pathway for math is already Math 6+/7+/Math I.



Q: What percentage of applicants get in?

A: We are not told at the school level how many magnets “seats” are available each year, but it is typically around 150. In 2021-2022, we had over 330 first-choice applicants. Look up your [priority number](#) here.

Q: How many electives can my student take?

A: We have a [7-period daily schedule](#), with three of those classes being electives. We use this same schedule every day, there is no alternation or “A/B day” transition.

Q: What electives will you offer for the 2023-2024 school year?

A: While some electives change year to year, [here is what we’re currently offering](#).

Q: How do I know what each class is about?

A: Read through [our description guide](#) for information on each class. This was created by students, for students! Thank you, Student Council!

Q: How often do electives change?

A: Most change quarterly (9 weeks), leaving you with potentially 12 choices for the entire school year. We have some classes that are semester or year-long such as some of our music and other arts classes, world languages, and application courses.

Q: Can my student take more than one year-long elective?

A: Yes, but please be aware some year-long electives conflict, and students may have to choose between competing classes.

Q: How do I register for my student's 2023-24 electives?

A: Your current elementary school counselor will be reaching out to assist you in selecting your choices using PowerSchool in March or April. If you are coming to Moore Square from a private/charter school or a school outside of WCPSS, please email a copy of your elective selections to our school counselors:

Jacinta Estes: jestes2@wcpss.net

Michael Wray: mwray@wcpss.net

Q: Are there any required electives?

A: All 6th-grade students will be placed in the Keyboarding & Basic Word Processing and Digital Literacy (two quarter-long electives totaling one semester) classes. They do not need to count them in their elective selections. All 8th-graders will be placed in the Health and PE class (quarter-long). While other classes are not required, we strongly encourage students to take at least one other PE class each year, as middle school students do not participate in a daily recess break.

Q: Are there requirements to get into certain electives?

A: Yes, please read through [our description guide](#) for specifics on which classes require prerequisites. We also have several classes that require an [audition or application](#) that will be updated soon for the next school year!

Q: Will I get transportation to and from school?

A: The type of service may vary depending on your school choice and home address. Find [your transportation options](#) here.



Magnet School Frequently Asked Questions

Helpful Info

Magnet students who are rising into the 6th or 9th grade for the 2023-24 school year **MUST** apply to their desired magnet middle or magnet high school if they are interested in continuing in the magnet program at the next level. Apply at <https://magnet.wcpss.net/apply/>, the deadline is January 25.

* Magnet students who **request their [pathway school](#) have the highest priority**, after siblings, to be selected for that school. They may apply to any magnet school at the next level but will have a lower priority when applying to a school that is not the pathway school.

* If there is more than one school listed, applicants should review the list of schools available as options for their address at wcpss.net/eligible.

Q: Siblings

A: Magnet students who are applying to the school of the older sibling will automatically be assigned to the school of the older sibling if that sibling will be returning to that school. They DO NOT HAVE TO APPLY because they are already assigned.

They may apply to a different school or request to be assigned back to the base school during the transfer period in the spring at <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/33766>

Q: Are magnet schools the same as charter schools?

A: No, charter schools operate outside county school districts.

Q: How can I attend a magnet school?

A: You may [apply to magnet schools](#) during the application period.

Q: What do I need to do if my child is selected for a magnet school or year-round school?

A: You don't have to do anything else. Students who are selected are automatically assigned to that school. Students selected for a school other than their first choice are placed in an applicant pool for their first choice.

Q: Is bus transportation available to magnet or year-round students?

A: Yes, in most cases, but the type of service may vary depending on your school choice and home address. Find [your transportation options](#) here.

Q: If I get into a magnet elementary school, where will my child attend middle school?

A: Magnet elementary students have priority when applying to a magnet middle school. They have the highest priority for the middle school in their program pathway but also have priority to any other magnet middle program.

Q: What is a pathway?

A: Pathways allow students to continue with their chosen magnet theme from kindergarten through senior year of high school if they choose. Students get a high priority for placement when continuing to a magnet middle or magnet high school in their pathway. The pathways are • Leadership & Technology • Gifted & Talented • International Baccalaureate • Language Immersion/Global Studies. Visit the magnet webpage link to access the [K-12 pathways chart](#).

Q: How do I register my kindergartner in WCPSS?

A: Rising kindergartners or students new to Wake County register at the base school –, wcpss.net/enroll. Students must have a student identification number to apply for a magnet, early college, or year-round

Q: To how many magnet and year-round schools may I apply?

A: You may apply to 1-5 magnet programs/schools and 1-2 year-round schools ranking them first choice, second choice, etc. Use www.wcpss.net/eligible to identify eligible magnet schools based on your address.

Q: Is there a waitlist?

A: Any student NOT selected for their first choice school is placed in an applicant pool even if you are selected for a second or third choice. An applicant could be in several applicant pools (early college, magnet/year-round). Selection to another school does NOT impact place in the applicant pool

Q: Are siblings processed together?

A: If all students in a residence (siblings) cannot be selected for the same grade level (e.g. elementary), then none are selected.

Q: Can I decline my magnet or year-round acceptance?

A: No, there is no decline option.

Q: How can I return to base after applying to a magnet or year-round school?

A: You may submit a request to attend a different school or return to base, during the transfer period (Feb-Mar).

Q: Are there any entrance requirements for acceptance to a magnet school?

A: There are no test or performance requirements to apply to a magnet program except for the AIG Basics program at the middle school level.

Q: Do I have to apply every year to keep my magnet seat?

A: Guaranteed assignment until the terminal grade. High priority to the program pathway school. MUST submit an application to continue in a magnet school at the next grade level.

Q: From elementary to middle and from middle to high school, do magnet students get any priority in the selection process?

A: Yes, magnet students have high priority in the selection process.