FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MAGNET PROGRAMS

General Magnet FAQs

FAQ's as provided by the Office of Magnet and Curriculum Enhancement Programs

- 1. Application process opens on October 15th and closes on January 28th for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Applicants may apply anytime during this period. It is **not** based on a first come first serve basis.
- 2. If you apply from private, charter or home school, the prospective student must register at their base school before January in order to get a student ID number. For enrollment information visit http://www.wcpss.net/enroll.
- 3. Students are allowed to apply up to seven magnet and year-round schools; rank them in order of preference.
- 4. If a school is capped, that impacts the base population only, not the magnet population. Enloe is not currently capped.
- 5. If a student does not get their first choice, they will be assigned to the applicant pool ('wait list') for that school only. This pool will be processed early April if seats are available. Students/Parents will receive an email to notify them if they are selected.
- 6. If you are selected for a magnet school and you choose to decline, you must reapply to your base school through the transfer process that begins in February.
- 7. All magnet applications must be completed online. A Parent/Guardian must create a parent account to apply.
- 8. Students may be assigned to an express bus location if you are not going to provide your own transportation. Check with the magnet office for clarification concerning transportation.
- 9. Selection is done through a weighted lottery. A brief description is below. See the WCPSS Magnet site for more details. Priority Points are determined by the following:
 - a. Siblings for returning students. Siblings must apply and are linked by address
 - b. Students living in a high performing area in order to create diversity.
 - c. Students assigned to overcrowded schools.
 - d. Priority given to 8th grade students within the magnet pathway, if application is received.
- 10. Parents will be notified through their account in February concerning the application status.
- 11. Magnet pathway schools for Brentwood include: Reedy Creek Middle, Centennial Middle, and Carroll Middle. Our pathway for high school is Southeast Raleigh. Families may apply to other magnet middle and high schools but they will have priority status to the schools listed above.

If you have a question not addressed here, please contact:

- Brentwood's Magnet Coordinator, Kristen McBryde at kmcbryde@wcpss.net or 919-850-8720
- WCPSS Magnet Communications at magnetcenter@wcpss.net or 919-533-7295.

- ★ What are your school hours?
 - We are a traditional school and our instructional day is 8:30-3:00. Students may be dropped off as early at 8:00.
- ★ Where are you located?



- ★ How many students are in each class?
 - Our average class sizes for kindergarten through third grade is 16 students and for fourth and fifth grade we average 22 students.
- ★ Do you offer a before and after school program?
 - Currently we have an Afterschool program facilitated by Raleigh Parks and Rec. It is held on the Brentwood campus 3:00 - 6:00 PM on student instructional days for an additional cost. We do not offer a before school program but students can be dropped off as early as 8:00.

★ What is a typical schedule?

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- We follow district-wide minute requirements for each subject area. Students have daily lunch, recess, and specials. Below is an example of a Kindergarten schedule from the 2019-2020 school year.
 - 8:30-9:30 ELA
 - 9:30-10:30 Math
 - 10:30-11:00 Boost
 - 11:05-11:50 Specials
 - 11:55-12:25 Recess
 - 12:30-1:00 Lunch
 - 1:50-2:55 ELA
 - 2:55-3:00 Pack-up and Dismissal
- ★ Do you offer electives?
 - Students do not have electives. Each student participates in a specials rotation each week that includes STEM, Music, Art, Media, and PE.