

Magnet Middle and High School Priorities (Excluding Martin Middle)

Guaranteed priority: Rising 6th and 9th grade students receive guaranteed priority to join an older sibling assigned as a magnet student at the **same school** in 2020-21.

Remaining priorities: After assigning students who receive sibling priority, 90% of the available seats will be filled using the following priorities in order:

Priority 2

Current magnet students who follow their program pathway when changing school levels, i.e. elementary to middle. (A student who had magnet status in 5th grade at the elementary pathway school but has base status at pathway middle school will still qualify for Priority 2.)

Priority 3

Current magnet students who seek to change their program pathway when changing school levels.

Priority 4

Base students at magnet schools who follow their program pathway.

Priority 5

Student who is assigned to a next school designated as high socioeconomic status **and** who lives in an area designated as high socioeconomic status.

Priority 6

Student who is assigned to a next school designated as high socioeconomic status **and** who lives in an area designated as medium socioeconomic status.

Priority 7

Student who is assigned to a next school designated as medium socioeconomic status **and** who lives in an area designated as high socioeconomic status.

Priority 8

Student who is assigned to a next school designated as medium socioeconomic status **and** who lives in an area designated as medium socioeconomic status.

Remaining Priorities

The remaining 10% of the available seats will be filled randomly from all remaining applications. This may be reduced to 5% for schools that do not fill 90% of the available seats with priority applicants.

- You may apply to 1-5 magnet programs/schools and 1-2 year round schools ranking them first choice, second choice...
 - Use www.wcpss.net/eligible to identify eligible magnet schools based on your address
- 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.
 - Could be in several applicant pools (early college, magnet/year-round)
 - Selection to another school does NOT impact place in applicant pool
- If all students in a residence (siblings) cannot be selected, then none are selected
- There is no decline option –
- To attend a different school or return to base, they must request it during the transfer period (Feb 24-Mar 9)
- There are no test or performance requirements to apply to a magnet program except for the AIG Basics program at the middle school level
- 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.
 - Magnet students have priority in the selection process