

## **Gifted/Talented and Magnet School/Program Procedures**

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Gifted/Talented and Magnet Program Services shall manage applications for Gifted/Talented (Liberal Arts Academy at Henry Clay High School, SCAPA at Bluegrass/Lafayette High School, and MSTC at Paul L. Dunbar High School) and Magnet schools/programs.

Applications for Magnet schools/programs and Gifted/Talented programs shall be permitted and open to Fayette County residents ONLY. All requested information must be provided for applications to be considered. (If Fayette County proof of residency is not provided at the time of school registration/enrollment, the placement offer extended is null and void.) The application deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup>, unless October 7<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday or Sunday, in which case the deadline shall be the next Monday. Parents/guardians shall be given the opportunity to correct incomplete and/or erroneous applications through the application deadline. When it is in the best interest of the child, the Superintendent/designee may waive the deadline and treat the applicant as though the application were on time.

### **MAGNET LOTTERY**

Lotteries shall be conducted by the Office of Data, Research & Evaluation. Such lotteries shall include the following prioritized factors:

- A significant weight to ensure sibling preference, and
- Extra or reduced weight as needed to assist schools in meeting diversity goals.

For the purpose of this Board Policy and Administrative Procedures, a sibling shall be defined as a sister, half-sister, step-sister, brother, half-brother, step-brother, or student under legal guardianship living in the same residence and applying for enrollment in the same school so students will attend concurrently the following year. If families with students in the secondary levels of the Spanish Immersion program (at Bryan Station Middle School or Bryan Station High School) have signed contracts committing the current students to participation in the program through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, their sibling applicants to Maxwell will be given preference. IAKSS staff shall request documentation of an applicant's sibling status.

For the purpose of this Board Policy and Administrative Procedures, diversity goals are defined as bringing all involved magnet and regular schools closer to the District-wide, school level averages for economic and ethnic diversity. If or whenever the Board approves a different diversity goal for any specific school, that goal shall guide the diversity lottery weight for that school.

### **PLACEMENT OFFERS**

Placement offers shall be made only to Fayette County residents. Parents/guardians of students who are offered placement shall receive the offer in writing and shall have at least seven (7) calendar days to respond.

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The following provisions apply to the Gifted/Talented and Magnet School/Program placement process:

- Applicants not placed into a magnet school/program and/or a gifted/talented program must reapply to be considered the following year;
- Students will be considered only for magnet and/or gifted/talented schools/programs for which they apply;
- Students may accept placement only for the magnet school/program or gifted/talented program that has been offered;
- Students who are offered placement for more than one (1) school or program shall be considered as rejecting all standing offers when they accept one (1) of the offers.

**MAGNET APPEALS**

A parent and/or guardian whose child does not meet the criteria for a magnet school/program to which they have applied shall be informed by letter by the appropriate staff at IAKSS. A parent and/or guardian who wishes to appeal must submit written documentation showing the child meets the criteria within seven (7) days (excluding recognized holidays) of the date on the letter. Appeals shall be reviewed by the Magnet Admissions Review Sub-Committee.

**GIFTED GRIEVANCES**

The grievance appeal process for gifted and talented placement and services shall be addressed in administrative procedure 08.132 AP.1/Gifted Talented Students.

The Superintendent shall make the final decision regarding all appeals.

**RELATED PROCEDURE:**

08.132 AP.1

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