



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Magnet Application Decisions

1. How will I learn the results of my student's magnet application?

Parents will learn the results of the magnet program selection process via email. Students who are awarded admission into a magnet program will also receive a courtesy notification letter via mail.

2. What does my Magnet Application Decision mean?

- a. **Awarded:** This notification indicates that your student has been approved for selection. Applicants who receive this notification must accept the offer through the online link.
- b. **Automatically Declined:** If the applicant does not respond by the designated date and time listed on the awarded notification, the magnet offer will be automatically declined.
- c. **Denied Due to Ineligibility or Incomplete Records:** This notification indicates an incomplete application, or the student did not meet the required criteria for selection to the applied program.
- d. **Wait Listed:** This notification indicates that your student has not been selected for the applied program(s) and will be placed on a wait list. Students will remain on the list until either of two events occur:
 - He/she is selected for an open seat in the lottery process or
 - The wait list expires, six weeks after the start of the school year.

3. Can my student re-apply to the Magnet Program during the next application window if he/she was waitlisted?

There is no need for waitlisted applicants to re-apply to the Magnet Program during the same calendar year. At six weeks after the start of the school year, the waitlist expires and if the student does not receive an offer, a new application can be submitted during the magnet application opening for the next school year.

4. Can my student re-apply to the Magnet Program again during the next application window if he/she was denied due to ineligibility?

Yes

5. Do my student's special education needs affect his or her magnet eligibility?

All students who are assigned to general education classrooms are eligible to apply for a magnet program. Some special education students have Individual Education Plans ("IEP") that require services in a self-contained special education classroom. For pre-kindergarten students, these special education classes are called "Kid Skills" classes. Due to their special education needs, students needing services met by self-contained or Kid Skills classrooms are not eligible to apply for a magnet program. If a student is accepted to a magnet pre-kindergarten program but is later identified as needing the services of a Kid Skills program, the student will be placed in a Kid Skills class instead of his or her magnet program. However, the student may be admitted to his or her magnet program for kindergarten the following school year if the student's IEP at the end of his or her year in the Kid Skills program does not require services in a self-contained special education classroom.

6. If a College Academy or a Lee High Magnet student is interested in playing sports, for what school would he/she play?

College Academy students are enrolled at Jemison High School and are eligible to participate in sports at Jemison High immediately upon enrolling in ninth grade. This is allowed due to a ruling from the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA). Magnet students enrolled in the College Academy at Jemison or the Lee High School Creative and Performing Arts Magnet Program are eligible for athletics in their magnet school.

7. When will the next Magnet Application window open?

Visit the HCS Magnet Programs Website for dates of the next Magnet application window. A link to the online application will be posted on the website when the application window opens:

www.huntsvillecityschools.org/magnet

8. Who can I contact if I still have additional questions?

Contact magnet@hsv-k12.org

9. How did the HCS Magnet Program software make the selections?

Committee evaluation scores, quantitative data, and other categorical indicators were entered into the software using the following criteria. Ordering of candidates with comparable qualifications was determined by a lottery.

Rising Grade Level	Magnet Program(s)	Selection Criteria					Priority Status Granted to:		
		Interview, Essay, and/or Audition	Teacher Rec	GPA	Standardized Test Scores	Lottery Breaks Ties	Siblings	Majority race at their homeschool	enrolled in thematic Magnet feeder
PreK – Grade 5	ASFL ES / AAA ES					✓	✓	✓	
Grades 6 - 8	ASFL MS	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Grades 6 - 8	AAA MS	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Grades 6-8	AGT (Must be identified as Gifted)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Grades 9 – 12	Lee HS	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓ (previous enrollment at AAA MS)
Grades 9 – 12	NCTHS	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓ (previous enrollment at ASFL MS)
Grades 9 – 12	College Academy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	