



2018-2019 MCPSS MAGNET SCHOOLS ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES AND ENTRANCE CRITERIA GRADES K - 8

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES FOR SELECTION AND COMMITMENT

1. Complete a new application for the selection process providing the correct information, including student's ID number, date of birth, and a valid email address. (Application(s) will be voided if any information is falsified or duplicate applications are submitted.)
 - To apply, ALL students will need their INow student number, a 4 to 6-digit number beginning with an S.
 - Students enrolled in a MCPSS school already have a student number in INow.
 - Kindergarten applicants and non-MCPSS students will be required to complete an online information form to be assigned a student number. This must be completed before a magnet application can be done.
2. If a student is selected, the parent(s)/legal guardian MUST accept the selection online within 3 weeks of the selection date and attend at least one scheduled parent meeting within 2 weeks of accepting selection.
3. Complete and submit a "MCPSS Magnet Schools Contract" at the end of the parent meeting.
4. If a student is selected, he/she must take the MCPSS Magnet Schools' **Entrance Exam**.
5. Submit final report cards to the selected school during scheduled "report card check" dates and times
6. Complete on-line and on-site registration during scheduled dates.
7. ALL IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) guidelines will be followed for selected students with an IEP or 504 plan.

AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

ALL students are automatically disqualified for any of the criteria below:

- Any C, D, E infractions on record in last 3 years.
- Three (3) or more suspensions and/or more than 5 days in the last 2 years.
- More than 6 "B" infractions on record in the last 2 years.
- Fail to test on grade level when taking the district's placement test for non-accredited schools.

PRE-SCREENING ENTRANCE CRITERIA CHECK (Must meet to be selected)

Entering Grades K - 8

- Must live in the MCPSS attendance zone at the time of the application.
- Meet state age requirements for entering school.

Entering Grades 1 - 8

- No more than 5 unexcused absences in quarters 1 and 2.
- No more 12 unexcused check-ins (tardies) or check-outs (early dismissals) in quarters 1 and 2.
- Grade average of 60 or above in all subjects.
- No behavior issues stated in the Disqualification Criteria above.

END OF YEAR ENTRANCE CRITERIA CHECK (Must meet to enroll)

ENTERING K:

Score developmentally ready on MCPS Kindergarten Screener*

ENTERING GRADE 1:

1. Submit final report card showing a yearly total of:
 - No more than 5 unexcused absences.
 - No more than 12 unexcused check-ins (tardies) or check-outs (early dismissals).
2. Score developmentally and academically ready on MCPS Grade 1 Screener* (Non-returning students only.)

ENTERING GRADES 2 – 5:

1. Submit final report card showing:
 - No more than 5 unexcused absences.
 - No more than 12 unexcused check-ins (tardies) or check-outs (early dismissals).
 - Placement in the next grade.
 - A grade of “C” or higher in reading and math
 - No failures in any other subjects.
2. Clear final behavior check showing none of the following:
 - Any C, D, E infractions on record in last 3 years.
 - Three (3) or more suspensions and/or more than 5 days in the last 2 years.
 - More than 6 “B” infractions on record in the last 2 years.
3. Test at grade level on Grade Level Validation Test if coming from a non-accredited school.
4. Score 70% or better on the MCPSS Magnet Schools’ Grade Level Entrance Exam* (Non-returning students only.)

ENTERING GRADES 6-8:

1. Submit final report card showing:
 - No more than 5 unexcused absences.
 - No more than 12 unexcused check-ins (tardies) or check-outs (early dismissals).
 - Placement in the next grade.
 - A grade of “C” or higher in reading/language arts and math
 - No failures in any other subjects.
2. Clear final behavior check showing none of the following:
 - Any C, D, E infractions on record in last 3 years.
 - Three (3) or more suspensions and/or more than 5 days in the last 2 years.
 - More than 6 “B” infractions on record in the last 2 years.
3. Test at grade level on Grade Level Validation Test if coming from a non-accredited school.
4. Score 70% or better on the MCPSS Magnet Schools’ Grade Level Entrance Exam* (Non-returning students only.)

ALL GRADES:

- Any student may be voided if his/her end of the year report card shows:
 - Failure the current grade and/or must attend summer school to be promoted to the next grade.
 - Promoted to the next grade due to chronological age.

***-No modifications to the entrance exams, screeners, or the grade cut scores allowed. Testing accommodations allowed as directed in a student’s current IEP or 504 plan regarding test administration.**