

Onslow County Magnet Schools

Attendance Procedures and Guidelines

Clyde Erwin Elementary Magnet School of International Studies and Cultural Arts opened in 2008 as the only elementary magnet school in Onslow County. Although its focus is on international studies, cultural arts and the characteristics of International Baccalaureate (PYP), Clyde Erwin Elementary follows the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and offers a wide variety of opportunities similar to other elementary schools in the Onslow County School System. All Onslow County students in grades pre-kindergarten through fourth are eligible to apply for admission.

New Bridge Middle Magnet School of Math, Science and Technology opened in 1998. Although its focus is on math, science and technology, New Bridge Middle follows the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and offers a wide variety of courses similar to other middle schools in the Onslow County School System. All Onslow County students in grades 5 through 7 are eligible to apply for admission.

The following are procedures for attending an Onslow County Magnet School.

Application/Selection Process

1. Students currently attending an Onslow County Magnet School must complete an *Intent Form* to confirm their attendance for the following year.
2. Students residing in the “Protected Corridor” (the geographic areas most closely associated with these schools) must complete an *Application:Intent/Opt-Out* form to confirm their attendance for the following year.
3. Applications are distributed to all students in grades pre-kindergarten through seventh in the Onslow County School System. They are also available at each school, may be downloaded from the internet or completed online on the school system’s website (<http://www.onslow.k12.nc.us>).
4. **Applications must be completed online/delivered to Onslow County Educational & Technical Support Center by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by Tuesday, March 9, 2010. No applications will be accepted by fax or email.**
5. Falsification of any information on application shall void the application.
6. If siblings are applying, an application must be completed in full for each child.
7. Selection will be determined by a lottery system, which is based on a computerized random-selection process. The names of all student applicants are placed in alphabetical order (not by date of receipt of application). The student selection date is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 23, 2010**, in the Jacksonville High School cafeteria at 4:00 p.m. This process is open to the public.
8. Due to limited space, a specific number of students for each grade level will be selected to attend an Onslow County Magnet School. The names of students not selected will be placed on a waiting list as determined by the random selection process.

9. Written notification of the selection process results will be mailed on **Friday, March 26, 2010**, as well as posted on the Onslow County Schools website using a code (student's first and last initial followed by a 6-digit birthdate).
10. Selected student(s) and their parents must complete a contract, indicating acceptance and support of all rules, guidelines and dress code and must mail or hand deliver the contract to the Onslow County Educational and Technical Support Center, Attn: Director of Academic Innovation, 200 Broadhurst Rd./P.O. Box 99, Jacksonville, NC 28540 by **5:00 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2010**. No faxes or emails will be accepted. If the parent fails to meet the deadline, the student's name will be removed from the eligibility list. The next student on the waiting list will be contacted and given the opportunity to attend.
11. In the event a family has two or more siblings who are eligible to apply for admission to an Onslow County Magnet School and reside at the same address, both/all will be accepted at the respective school as long as the lottery number for one of the siblings is selected through the random-selection process.
12. Onslow County Magnet Schools **do not** honor the practice of "legacy" (automatic acceptance at either school).
 - Elementary School example: When a 5th grade student progresses from Clyde Erwin Elementary Magnet School, his/her sibling(s), pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, must apply to attend Clyde Erwin Elementary Magnet School unless the sibling is currently enrolled at Clyde Erwin Elementary.
 - Middle School example: When an 8th grade student progresses from New Bridge Middle Magnet School to 9th grade, a rising 6th grade sibling must apply through the lottery process to attend New Bridge Middle.
13. Once a student has been selected, and a Parent/Student Contract has been signed, the magnet school becomes the "home" school for the student. **All assignments to any Onslow County Magnet School will be for a full academic year.**
14. In the event a parent wishes to request a reassignment from an Onslow County Magnet School, the initial contact must be made with the principal of the magnet school. Reassignments will be considered **ONLY** when extraordinary hardships exist. The burden of proof is the parent's responsibility.
15. The application/lottery process for attending an Onslow County Magnet School will be conducted one time during each school year.

Eligibility

1. Parents of the student must reside within Onslow County. Students who live on a military installation are *ineligible* to attend an Onslow County Magnet School. If a family is currently residing on base or out-of-county and can provide written documentation that they will be residing in Onslow County **prior** to the start of the school year, the child will be eligible to participate in the application process.
2. If a student is accepted through the lottery and the parent(s) move out-of-county or on a military base before the new school year begins, parent(s) must submit a release approved by the board of education of the other school district from which the transfer is being made. The student's school district becomes the district in which the parent(s) or legal guardian resides. The request must be submitted by July 1st. Students must be in good standing in regards to grades, conduct and attendance to be approved by the Onslow County Board of Education to attend an Onslow County school as an out-of-county student. Upon written notification of the approval from the Onslow County Board of Education, tuition is to be paid in full at the central office. Tuition is to be paid by cash, certified check, or money order made payable to Onslow County Schools. The tuition rate is set annually by the Onslow County Board of Education. Students moving to a military base are not required to pay tuition. Onslow County Schools does not provide transportation for out-of-county students.
3. If a student is currently attending an Onslow County Magnet School and the parent(s) move onto a military base or outside of Onslow County, the student may continue to attend the magnet school for the remainder of the school year only as an out-of-county student. The student's school district becomes the district in which the parent(s) or legal guardian resides. The parent(s) must submit a release approved by the board of education of the other school district from which the transfer is being made. Students must be in good standing in regards to grades, conduct and attendance to be approved by the Onslow County Board of Education to attend an Onslow County school as an out-of-county student. Upon written notification of the approval from the Onslow County Board of Education, tuition is to be paid in full at the central office. Tuition is to be paid by cash, certified check, or money order made payable to Onslow County Schools. The tuition rate is set annually by the Onslow County Board of Education. Students moving onto a military base are not required to pay tuition. Onslow County Schools does not provide transportation for out-of-county students.
4. Once a student has left an Onslow County Magnet School and enrolled in another Onslow County School, the student becomes ineligible to return to an Onslow County Magnet School during that school year. The student will have to reapply through the lottery process.
5. If a child previously attended an Onslow County Magnet School as his/her last school of record and the family leaves the county, that student will be granted enrollment to the respective magnet school upon return.
6. New Bridge Middle Magnet School students assigned to the Onslow County Learning Center who make satisfactory progress and become eligible to leave OCLC will return to New Bridge Middle Magnet School, and not to the school in their attendance area.