



Huntsville City Schools

SY 2018/19 Magnet Programs Application FAQs

1. Do I need to submit an application if my student is currently enrolled in a magnet program?

Students currently enrolled in a magnet program who wish to remain in the school/program for the following year, within the program/grade configuration (PreK-8, 6-8, 9-12), do not need to submit a magnet application to remain in the school/program. For example, 5th grade students at AAA or ASFL do not need to apply for the 6th grade program at their school. They will automatically be accepted into the 6th grade program.

2. If I apply on the first day of the application period, will I have a better chance of being accepted at my choice of school?

No. There is no advantage to applying on the first day. The application window is open to everyone. Selection will not be based on date of application. A lottery system or other eligibility criteria will be used to select students for available spaces if more eligible students apply than spaces are available.

3. Can I submit multiple applications for the same application window?

No. The system will only allow for one application per student based on the student's ID per application window.

4. How will I learn the results of my student magnet application?

Parents will learn the results of the magnet program selection process via email (if provided by the parent) or via letter sent via US Postal Mail to the address provided in the application.

5. What will happen once I accept a placement in a magnet program?

Your exiting school will receive an email notification that your child will be transferring from their school. It will instruct them to withdraw your child from their current school for next year and send your child's cumulative file to the magnet school. You should complete the HCS Online Returning Student Registration Process for SY 2016/17 using the magnet school as your student's next school when registration begins.

6. Does my student who currently attends a magnet middle school have priority in getting into a magnet high school program?

- Eighth grade students who attend AAA and want to attend the Creative and Performing Arts at Lee High School will need to apply for this program. These AAA students will have a priority in the application process for Lee.
- Eighth grade students who attend ASFL and want to attend Columbia **do not** need to apply for Columbia. Students will need to inform their counselor that they intend to attend Columbia High School.
- Eighth grade students at Williams Technology Middle School who want to attend New Century Technology High School will need to apply for this program. These Williams Middle students will have a priority in the application process for New Century.

7. 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.*