

2010-2011 ST. LOUIS MAGNET SCHOOLS

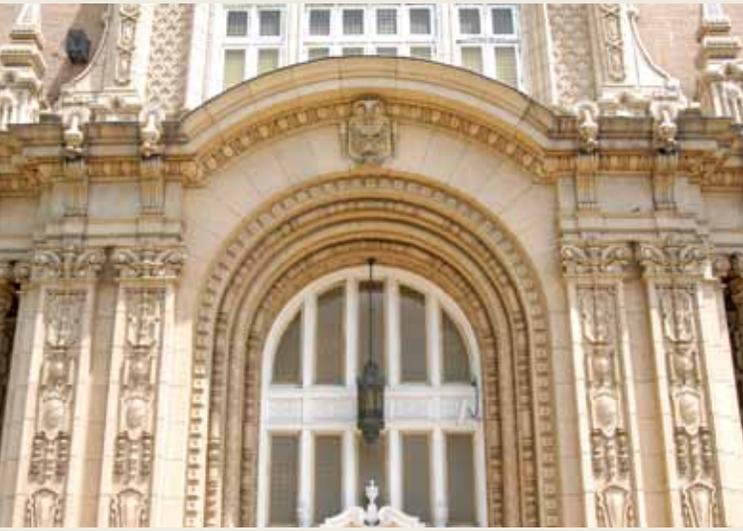
YOUR CHILD BELONGS AT A

Magnet School



With twenty-three specialty schools to choose from, the St. Louis Magnet Schools offer an **EXCITING, TUITION FREE** alternative for students of all ages and abilities.

Discover where your child belongs!



WHAT IS A Magnet School?

Students ordinarily go to the public school nearest them. Magnet schools are public schools without school boundaries. Each has something unique to offer that you won't find in traditional schools, whether it's a particular focus on technology or the arts, or a stimulating curriculum designed especially for gifted students.

St. Louis Magnet School programs welcome eligible students from St. Louis County to help increase diversity in the public school system. Because of high demand, admission is based on a lottery system. See eligibility criteria on Page 4.

DON'T YOU BELONG at a Magnet?

Do you have a child who doesn't necessarily "fit the mold" offered at your current school? Or are you looking for a change in direction as your child advances from one level to the next? If so, there's an exciting educational alternative you need to know about! It's the St. Louis Magnet Schools program.

For almost three decades, St. Louis City and County families have experienced extraordinary educational opportunities at the Magnet Schools.

- 23 specialty schools catering to a wide range of student talents and interests
- Diverse and challenging curriculum
- Priceless partnerships with respected local and national institutions
- Free transportation for eligible students
- Simple and fair application process

Come check us out!

Please join us at the

Magnet Schools Open House

at all magnet school locations

Saturday, October 10, 2009

from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

and

Thursday, November 5, 2009

during school hours

your child

BELONGS AT A MAGNET IF HE OR SHE . . .

Loves to express him or herself

Their world is a stage, a canvas, bright lights and beautiful costumes. Your child thrives on creating, performing and entertaining. Our Visual & Performing Arts Magnet Schools provide the perfect backdrop, opportunities and space for artistic children to explore their creativity and develop their talents. Thanks to visiting professional artists and partnerships with STAGES, Munny Kids, the Saint Louis Symphony, Opera Theatre of St. Louis and more, your child will be exposed to a world he or she might otherwise only imagine.

Demands a challenge

Spoke French at age 2, knows the answer to $E=MC^2$, voracious reader, chess master. Sound familiar? Gifted children thrive in an environment that challenges them to the nth degree. St. Louis Magnet Schools proudly offer the only Full-Time, tuition-free gifted education in the metropolitan area. Our rigorous and challenging curricula are guaranteed to fulfill your gifted learner's needs. (To qualify for a gifted magnet school, students must meet state-approved criteria.)

Digs exploring

Digging in dirt, peering into a microscope, star-gazing and encouraging you to live green. Your child will experience hands-on learning, while gaining exposure to everything from engineering to environmental science to computer technology at our schools that specialize in math, science and technology. Partnerships with the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Zoo, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Boeing and others further enrich your child's experience.

Thinks globally

Bonjour! Guten Tag! International Studies Schools provide a wonderful and exciting "Passport" to learning. Our students and staff represent more than 30 countries. Your child will learn multiple languages, traditions, customs and cultures in the classroom, in the hallways and beyond.

Needs nurturing

Young minds are inquisitive by nature. Our Early Childhood Centers tap into that natural inquisitiveness using a process-oriented approach to learning known as Project Construct. Your child will be engaged in all-day learning from preschool through second grade, providing a strong, solid foundation for his or her future academic success.



Children needing special education services deserve a caring approach. Some magnet schools include self-contained special education classrooms for students whose Individual Education Programs (IEPs) require it. Full inclusion and cross-categorical classes are also available.

Likes tradition

Shiny shoes, crisp uniforms, brass buttons. Cadets not only dress the part, they walk and talk it. Cleveland NJROTC Military Academy builds character, inspires service and creates strong leaders today for tomorrow. Admittance and enrollment depends on students meeting the school's academic standards, and weight and uniform fit requirements. Soldan International Studies and Gateway Institute of Technology High Schools offer part-time Air Force ROTC programs.

Breaks the mold

It's cool to be different. Some children like traditional learning. Others excel when a teacher identifies and supports their individual learning style. Magnet schools are a great place for "break-the-mold" students. Our general academic programs are recognized for inventive teaching methods. We offer the largest tuition-free Montessori program in the metropolitan area. How successful are our students? Our Metro Academic & Classical High School currently ranks #1 in the state and #92 in Newsweek's "Top High Schools in the Nation," the highest ranking of any school in the entire St. Louis area.

For a complete listing of Magnet Schools and their specialties, please see back cover.



WHAT EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT

Magnet Schools

Who's eligible?

The following students are eligible to apply for a spot in a magnet school:

- Any student living in the city of St. Louis.
- Non-African-American students living in the Affton, Bayless, Brentwood, Clayton, Hancock Place, Kirkwood, Ladue, Lindbergh, Mehlville, Parkway, Pattonville, Ritenour, Rockwood, Valley Park and Webster Groves school districts are eligible for Kindergarten through Grade 12. County residents are not eligible for preschool.

The application process

Students wishing to attend a magnet school must submit an application, which is included in this brochure. Additional copies are available for county residents at the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC) website at www.choicecorp.org. Click on "Information about applying," or call 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

City residents can visit the St. Louis Public Schools website at www.slps.org or call the Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314.633.5200.

Completed applications may be mailed to or dropped off at:

Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC)
(for county residents)
7425 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 110
St. Louis, MO 63105
Fax: 314.721.3693

St. Louis Public Schools
(for city residents)
Recruitment and Counseling Center
801 N. 11th Street
St. Louis, MO 63101
Fax: 314.633.5230

**Please complete only one application per child.
SLPS and VICC computers will accept only the
most recent application.**

Deadlines

Applications for the following schools must be received by **Friday, November 13, 2009**:

- Central Visual & Performing Arts
- Cleveland NJROTC
- Gateway Institute of Technology
- Kennard Classical Junior Academy
- McKinley Classical Junior Academy
- McKinley Classical Leadership Academy
- Metro Academic & Classical High School
- Soldan International Studies

and from any continuity students.

Applications for all other St. Louis Magnet Schools must be received by **Thursday, December 31, 2009**.

Keep in mind

- All applications received before the deadline are given equal consideration, according to certain priorities. (See right column on page 5 for more information.)
- Applications must be submitted each year, because unplaced applications do not carry over from one year to the next.
- Applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received. Your child may still be accepted if spaces in the school become available. Waiting list numbers will not be disclosed.
- **Students who do not attend on the first day of school will forfeit their seat.**

The lottery

Because the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces, all applications are entered into a lottery. The lottery assures an equal chance for all students applying to magnet schools, within certain priority categories. (See right.)

When we receive your application, it will be entered into our computer system and be assigned to its appropriate priority category. The computer then randomly assigns an identification number to the application when the sorting lottery is held.

Based on the results of the lottery, we then attempt to place each applicant in his or her first choice school. If this choice is not open, the applicant's second and, if necessary, third choices are considered, presuming additional choices are listed.

The lottery for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on **Tuesday, January 19, 2010**.



What priorities affect the lottery process?

The St. Louis Magnet Schools participate in the area-wide desegregation program and have a goal of being racially integrated.

Through the lottery system, all applications have equal weight within various categories required to maintain racially integrated schools. They are:

1st Priority

Continuity—Students currently enrolled in magnet schools who are graduating to the next school level (such as middle school to high school) are guaranteed a seat in a magnet school.

Students with no continuing theme will be given three magnet school choices. These students must return their continuity priority forms by **Friday, November 13, 2009**.

2nd Priority

Sibling—Brothers and sisters of magnet school students who live at the same address and share at least one biological or legal parent have priority placement in the same magnet school building as their sibling. There is no guarantee, however, that siblings will be placed together. See application form for more information. Applications for sibling priority consideration must be received by **December 31st**.

3rd Priority

Neighborhood—City students living within the “walk-to-school” boundaries set by the district transportation department can apply for neighborhood placement. Neighborhood priority is available for up to 35% of seats in each grade at each school in the general lottery. There is no guarantee that all neighborhood applicants will be placed.

4th Priority

Non-African-American city and county residents and African-American city residents—These students are placed in magnet schools through the general lottery after other placements are made. Non-African-American city and county residents have equal priority for magnet school placement.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

● **How do I know which magnet school is the best fit for my child?** Only you can decide. Consider your child's interests and abilities, and learn about the school options available to you. Attend a Magnet School Open House on Saturday, October 10, 2009 or Thursday, November 5, 2009. If you're unable to attend, contact the school for a personal tour. The school staff will be happy to answer specific questions you may have.

● **Must I list more than one school choice on my application?** No. You may list up to three schools. If there is only one school that interests you and your child, you may limit your application to that school. **Please DO NOT list choices for schools that you are not willing to accept.**

● **How will I know you received my application?** We will mail you a receipt verifying that we have received your application. Please review it carefully to ensure all information is correct. If you do not receive a receipt within 10 days of mailing your application, city families should contact the recruitment office at 314.633.5200, and county families should call VICC at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

● **When is the Magnet School Lottery?** The lottery takes place on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. The lottery for special education students will take place on Monday, March 15, 2010,* after scheduled IEP conferences are completed. *This date is subject to change.

● **What are my child's chances of being accepted to a magnet school?** Acceptance rates vary from year to year; there are usually more applicants than available spaces. Usually about one-third of city applicants and about one-half of county applicants are accepted.

● **How will I find out if my child is accepted?** City families may learn the results by calling the Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314.633.5200. County families may call the VICC office at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012 beginning Friday, February 12, 2010. Acceptance letters will be mailed in late February.

● **What do I do after my child is accepted?** Hold on to your acceptance letter! You'll need it when you enroll your child in school. You'll also need to return the Intent to Attend form by the deadline date specified. We will explain the enrollment process during the Open House for Newly Accepted Students on May 4, 2010. If your child is accepted after this date, but before the first day of school, the school will contact you about the enrollment process. If your child is accepted after the school year has begun, call the school directly to discuss enrollment.

● **What if I change my mind after my child is accepted?** City families should inform the Recruitment and Counseling Center in writing. If you reject the acceptance, your child will be assigned to his or her neighborhood school. County families should notify the VICC office.

● **What if my child is not chosen through the lottery?** Your child's name is placed on a waiting list. If additional spaces become available during the school year, you will be notified. In the meantime, county students can remain at their current school. **Applications do not carry over from year to year.**

● **What if my child is not accepted to his or her first choice?** If you listed more than one choice on your application, and your child is accepted to his or her second or third choice, that is the school he or she will be eligible to attend for the 2010-2011 school year. His or her name will NOT automatically go on a waiting list for your first choice.

If you are still interested in being considered for your first choice school, you must submit a new application to go on that school's waiting list.

● **Once my child is accepted, do I need to reapply each year?** No. Once your child is accepted, you do not have to reapply each year, presuming he or she will be continuing at the same magnet school and continues to meet eligibility criteria.

- Students completing grade 2 in a magnet early childhood education center receive continuity placement in a magnet elementary school. These students must submit applications.
- Students completing grade 5 in a magnet elementary school and grade 8 in a magnet middle school receive priority placement for the next level. Depending on the schools they attend, they may be required to provide a continuity application and determination of eligibility. These forms will be mailed to your home.

● **My child attends a magnet school, but wants to transfer to a different magnet school next year. What do I do?** You must submit a new application and be accepted through the lottery. Your child will keep a spot in his or her current school until (1) he or she is accepted into the new school and (2) you've completed and returned the enrollment paperwork.



Magnet and Choice School Application

2010-2011 School Year

Please Read: Applications received by December 31, 2009, will be eligible for the Magnet School Lottery on January 19, 2010. Applications received or postmarked after December 31, 2009, will be placed on a waiting list based on the date the application is received. Applications for Kennard, McKinley CJA & CIA, Metro, Central VPA, Cleveland NJROTC, Gateway Institute and Soldan must be received by November 13, 2009, to be eligible for the general Magnet School Lottery. **Submission of this application will override any previous application submitted for the 2010-2011 school year. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Student's Name Please print _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Emergency Contact _____

Home Phone Number (____) _____ Emergency Phone Number (____) _____ School District of Residence _____

Current School _____ Magnet Sibling Attends _____

Sibling Consideration? Yes No Name of Sibling _____ Please Indicate Applicant's Race:
SELECT ONLY ONE CODE

- Siblings are defined as children who have one biological or adoptive parent in common and reside in the same household. To receive sibling consideration for one child, the other child must be enrolled in the school of choice and be scheduled to continue in that school for the coming year, and that school must be listed as the first choice on this application form. Sibling consideration is extended to one school only. Applications must be submitted by December 31, 2009, for sibling priority consideration in the lottery.*
- Check here if you wish twins to be treated as one placement at the same school. Separate applications are required.
- SAFE SCHOOLS: Has your child been expelled from any school or school district for violation of school board policies relating to weapons, alcohol, drugs or for willful infliction of injury to another person? Yes No

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Is your child in the First Steps Program? (preschool only) Yes No
 Has your child been referred for a special education evaluation or evaluated by the current or previous school district? Yes No
 Does your child receive special education services and/or related services? Yes No
 Does your child receive special education services outside the regular class for more than 60% of the time? Yes No
 Requirements must be met to be eligible for admission to a special education classroom. Placement is contingent upon the 2010-2011 Individual Education Program (IEP) specifying placement.
Special education lottery is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 15, 2010.

GRADE Sept. 2010 _____

School Desired _____ or _____ or _____
First choice Second choice Third choice

YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIST THREE CHOICES. ONLY SELECT CHOICES YOU WILL ACCEPT.

Magnet Elementary Schools	K = Kindergarten*	P3 = Preschool Age 3*	P4 = Preschool Age 4*
(K-8) Lyon-Blow Academy of Basic Instruction	518	(P4-5) Dewey International Studies	447
(P4-5) Mallinckrodt Academy of Basic Instruction	524	(P4-5) Mullianphy Investigative Learning	559
(P4-5) # Kennard Classical Junior Academy (CJA)	503	(P3-5) # Washington Montessori	601
(P3-2) + # Stix Early Childhood	593	(P4-5) Ames Visual & Performing Arts	425
(P3-2) + # Wilkinson Early Childhood at Roe	603	(P4-5) Shaw Visual & Performing Arts	578
(P4-5) Gateway Elementary	473	Carr Lane Visual & Performing Arts	307

* Age eligibility before August 1 for preschool and kindergarten entry must be met. See eligibility requirements on page 4. # Requirements must be met to be eligible for admission. To ensure inclusion into the lottery, application must be received by November 13, 2009. + Three-year-old applicants for preschool will only be placed after all eligible four and five-year-old applicants have been placed. # Bus transportation is not available for three-year-old accepted students. A School standards must be met to remain in this school. Students must meet weight and uniform-fit requirements for entry. The maximum waist size is 42. Applicants for the 11th and 12th grade at Cleveland must have previous ROTC experience to qualify for placement. **Note: Preschool programs are available to St. Louis City students. St. Louis County students are eligible to attend Kindergarten through Grade 12.**

Mother's Name _____ Work # (____) _____ Father's Name _____ Work # (____) _____
 Mother's Email _____ Father's Email _____

I give permission to the current school my child is attending to release any information needed to complete the processing of this application. I do understand that once enrolled, student records will be sent to the new school district. I understand that submitting false residency information is a Class A misdemeanor, and that I may be required to pay the cost of educating my child if I provide false residency information. I understand providing false disciplinary information on this application is a Class B misdemeanor. I also give permission for my child to be tested in order to determine eligibility for the gifted programs. I understand that the Saint Louis Public Schools is not responsible for errors made by me on this application (such as grade, birth date, schools selected and/or incorrect school year application.)

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

City families return to: St. Louis Public Schools, Recruitment & Counseling Center, 801 N. 11th St., St. Louis, MO 63101 (314-633-5200, FAX: 314-633-5230)

Saint Louis Public Schools

801 N. 11th Street
St. Louis, MO 63101

Magnet Early Elementary Schools

(GRADES PS-5 EXCEPT AS NOTED)

SPECIALTY

Lyon-Blow Academy of Basic Instruction (K-8)	General Academics
516 Loughborough Ave. 63111 • 314.353.1349	
Mallinckrodt Academy of Basic Instruction*	General Academics
6020 Pernod Ave. 63139 • 314.352.9212	
Washington Montessori*	General Academics
1130 N. Euclid 63113 • 314.361.0432	
Stix Early Childhood Center (PS-2)	Early Childhood Education
647 Tower Grove Ave. 63110 • 314.533.0874	
Wilkinson Early Childhood Center@Roe(PS-2)	Early Childhood Education
1921 Prather 63139 • 314.645.1202	
Gateway Elementary	Math-Science-Technology
#4 Gateway Drive 63106 • 314.241.8255	
Mullanphy Investigative Learning Center*	Math-Science-Technology
4221 Shaw Blvd. 63110 • 314.772.0994	
Dewey International Studies*	International Studies
6746 Clayton Ave. 63139 • 314.645.4845	
Shaw Visual and Performing Arts*	Visual and Performing Arts
5329 Columbia Ave. 63139 • 314.776.5091	
Ames Visual and Performing Arts*	Visual and Performing Arts
2900 Hadley Ave. 63107 • 314.241.7165	
Kennard Classical Junior Academy	Gifted Education
5031 Potomac St. 63139 • 314.353.8875	

Magnet Middle Schools

(GRADES 6-8)

SPECIALTY

Busch Academic and Athletic Academy	General Academics
5910 Clifton Ave. 63109 • 314.352.1043	
McKinley Classical Junior Academy	Gifted Education
2156 Russell Blvd. 63104 • 314.773.0027	
Gateway Math & Science Prep School	Math-Science-Technology
1200 N. Jefferson Ave. 63106 • 314.241.2295	
Compton-Drew Investigative Learning Center	Math-Science-Technology
5130 Oakland Ave. 63110 • 314.652.9282	
Bunche International Studies @ Madison	International Studies
1118 S. 7th St. 63104 • 314.588.8750	
Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts*	Visual and Performing Arts
1004 N. Jefferson Ave. 63106 • 314.231.0413	

Magnet High Schools

(GRADES 9-12)

SPECIALTY

McKinley Classical Leadership Academy	Gifted Education
2156 Russell Blvd. 63104 • 314.773.0027	
Metro Academic and Classical High School	General Academics
4015 McPherson Ave. 63108 • 314.534.3894	
Gateway Institute of Technology	Math-Science-Technology
5101 McRee Ave. 63110 • 314.776.3300	
Soldan International Studies	International Studies
918 N. Union Blvd. 63108 • 314.367.9222	
Cleveland Naval Junior ROTC @ Pruitt	Military
1212 N. 22nd St. 63106 • 314.231.1443	
Central Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and Performing Arts
3125 S. Kingshighway Blvd. 63139 • 314.771.2772	

Important dates and deadlines

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Open House at all magnet schools

Thursday, November 5, 2009, during regular school hours

Open House at all magnet schools

Friday, November 13, 2009

Applications due for:

- Kennard, McKinley, Metro, Cleveland NJROTC, Gateway Institute, Soldan International Studies and Central Visual and Performing Arts High School to be included in the lottery.
- Students completing Grade 2 at a magnet early childhood education center.
- Current Magnet students graduating to the next school level who wish to continue to attend a magnet school must return a continuity application by this date, and meet any eligibility criteria for the school they wish to attend. (5th to 6th grade, 8th to 9th grade.)
- Students completing grades 5 or 8 with no continuing theme.

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Application deadline for all other applicants

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Lottery takes place

Friday, February 12, 2010

Acceptance notices mailed

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Open house for newly accepted students

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year will NOT be accepted after September 1, 2010.

Note: Preschool programs are only available to St. Louis City students. St. Louis County students are eligible to attend Kindergarten through Grade 12.
*Gifted Enrichment curriculum available.

Got questions?

If you have additional questions about the application and placement process, city families should call the Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314.633.5200. County families should call the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corp. (VICC) at 314.721.8422, ext. 3012.

For school related questions, please call the magnet school directly.