



GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024-2025 MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Elementary and Middle School

Magnet Schools

Hamilton Avenue School

International School at Dundee

Julian Curtiss School

New Lebanon School

Western Middle School

Magnet School Application Deadline is February 1, 2024

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Greenwich, CT

NEW LEBANON SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate
Primary Years Programme Magnet School

Many Cultures • One Community



New Lebanon School (NLS) is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School offering the Primary Years Programme, and was named a 2022 School of Distinction - High Growth (High Needs Students) - ELA by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Opened in 2019, the state-of-art award-winning building is Leadership in Energy & Development Design Gold-Certified and the envy of the community, complete with a wonderful media center, gymnasium, cafeteria, playground, and other support spaces for children, teachers, and school administration. The magnet program presents the GPS curriculum in a holistic, inquiry-based framework, making connections among subject areas with an emphasis on global perspectives. NLS offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5.

NLS Open House Schedule

January 16, 2024, 6:00 PM (snow date: Jan. 17, 2024, 6:00 PM)
January 17, 2024, 8:15 AM (snow date: Jan. 18, 2024, 8:15 AM)

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Overview of the Greenwich Public Schools Magnet Application Guidelines

The Greenwich Board of Education offers four magnet elementary schools and one magnet middle school that accept students through an application process. The magnet school program is designed to serve three purposes:

1. To advance and enhance student achievement by providing parents and students with educational options. Each magnet school offers a range of distinct education programs. Some emphasize particular academic subjects, while others use specific instructional approaches. Parents are encouraged to apply to those schools that they believe best meet the needs and interests of their children;
2. To support the racial, ethnic, and economic diversity of all of the district's schools while complying to racial balance requirements established by the Connecticut legislature and the State Board of Education; and,
3. To optimize the use of school facilities by balancing the distribution of students among elementary schools.

Programs and Services: GPS magnet schools provide the same curriculum, programs and services as all other Greenwich public elementary/middle schools. In addition, magnet schools offer a particular instructional framework and/or features that are unique to the individual schools.

Lottery Process: Each of the GPS magnet schools is also a neighborhood school, with students enrolled from within the designated attendance area. A limited number of magnet seats are available by application for students residing outside the magnet schools' attendance areas. If more applications are received than there are seats available, a lottery is conducted. The magnet school application deadline is February 1, 2024. **Western Middle School will not be accepting new students through the magnet program this year (unless they have a sibling already attending), due to temporary capacity challenges.**

Applicant Eligibility: Any resident of the Town of Greenwich with school-age children is eligible to apply to a GPS magnet school. Non-resident Town of Greenwich (TOG) employees are also eligible to apply to GPS magnet schools. Non-resident TOG applications will be considered after Greenwich resident applications are filled.

To learn more about the magnet school application process and the magnet programs at each school:

- Explore this brochure
- Visit the District and school websites
- Attend a Magnet School Open House in January 2024
- Contact a magnet school principal

For more details and a magnet school application, visit the GPS website at: www.greenwickschools.org/magnetschools

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AT DUNDEE

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Magnet School

A Community of Global Learning



In 2000, The International School at Dundee (ISD) was the first magnet school to open in Greenwich and chose the International Baccalaureate Program as its magnet theme. The school was one of the first elementary schools in the country to become an authorized IB school. It has continued to successfully implement the program, which focuses on the development of the whole child and incorporates the teaching of the GPS curriculum through an inquiry-based framework. A Connecticut School of Distinction, ISD offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, as well as grade level partnerships with highly regarded institutions, such as the Guggenheim Museum and the Audubon Center.

ISD Open House Schedule

January 29, 2024, 9:15 AM (snow date: Jan. 30, 2024, 9:15 AM)

January 29, 2024, 6:00 PM (snow date: Jan. 30, 2024, 6:00 PM)

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HAMILTON AVENUE SCHOOL

STEAM Magnet School



Hamilton Avenue School (HAS) is the District's first Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) school. STEAM education ignites interest and uses an inquiry approach to develop the skills and knowledge that prepares students for expanding college and career opportunities. Among the more recently upgraded schools to become a state-of-the-art building with a design lab, HAS was one of the first Greenwich Public Schools to launch a Digital Learning Environment. HAS offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, Suzuki Violin (PreK-5), and a smaller average class sizes in grades K and 1.

HAS Open House Schedule

January 9, 2024, 9:00 AM (snow date: Jan. 10, 2024, 9:00 AM)
January 10, 2023, 6:00 PM (snow date: Jan. 11, 2024, 6:00 PM)

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JULIAN CURTISS SCHOOL

Magnet School of World Languages

60 Countries and 30 Languages in 1 Great School



Julian Curtiss School (JCS) offers world language instruction in grades K-5 in either Spanish or French and has been described as “the little United Nations School of Greenwich” in the *New York Times*. The student body and staff represent nearly 60 different countries and 30 different languages. This diversity is recognized and celebrated as a source of strength and a reflection of the world. Building on the strength of this international foundation, JCS provides a rigorous academic curriculum, a strong social-emotional learning framework in a personalized learning environment and partnerships with many local community organizations.

JCS Open House Schedule

January 22, 2024, 6:00 PM (snow date: Jan. 23, 2024, 6:00 PM)
January 24, 2024, 9:15 AM (snow date: Jan. 25, 2024, 9:15 AM)

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WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

An 'AVID Schoolwide' Program



Western is an 'AVID Schoolwide' middle school. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination is a college readiness and executive functioning program designed to help all students achieve their goals and reach their full academic potential. Your child will be exposed to a variety of instructional methods, including critical reading strategies, focused note-taking, Socratic Seminars and Philosophical Chairs. These strategies are designed to help students grow as readers, thinkers, collaborators and writers. In addition, students will be taught a variety of executive functioning skills to help them learn how to plan and prioritize tasks, organize their thoughts and materials and reflect on their learning and goals. Students will be exposed to a variety of career and college opportunities, set long term and short term goals and work on progress monitoring.

WMS Is Not Accepting Applications This Year

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