MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAM
APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES
EHBF (REGULATION)

1. The following procedures will be followed with regard to the assignment of the student to the magnet programs at Bowie, Pease and Washington:

   - Neither Bowie, Pease nor Washington will have neighborhood attendance zones (including those students living in the neighborhoods close to the schools).

   - The attendance zones for the magnet programs at Bowie, Pease, and Washington will include the entire District.

   - The school district has been divided into three (3) geographical lottery areas. The goal of the lottery process is to identify students for participation in the magnet schools in approximately equal numbers from each lottery area.

2. The population for the magnet programs at Bowie, Pease and Washington will be created according to the lottery system:

   - A recruiting campaign will inform parents and guardians of opportunities and programs available at magnet schools.

   - Information in English and Spanish will be provided to parents announcing informational meetings, available services, and the application process.

   - Parents of students who currently attend a magnet program must complete the re-enrollment form online by the specified deadline in order to secure a place for the following year at the magnet school they currently attend. If the re-enrollment form is not submitted by the deadline, students will have to take part in the lottery to secure a spot.

   - Preference for admission will be given to siblings of students who will attend a magnet school during the same year. Siblings of current students, including siblings of incoming kindergarten students, will be admitted to the magnet school prior to the general admission lottery, if parents identify siblings during the re-enrollment process and if space is available at the appropriate grade level. If the number of sibling applicants exceeds the number of spaces that are available at a particular grade level and area, a lottery to admit siblings will be conducted for the available spaces. This lottery will take place prior to the general admission lottery.

3. The application process for kindergarten students will be open to all children living in the Midland Independent School District. The application process for students who apply for admittance to grade one through grade 6 will be available first to students who are enrolled in the Midland Independent School District at the time of application. Non-MISD students may complete applications; however, MISD students will be given priority in the application process.

   - A timeline will be developed each year to schedule recruiting activities and to schedule deadlines in the application process.

   - Acceptance for the magnet schools will not be based on or limited to the student's ethnicity, free and/or reduced meal status, academic record, prior achievement test scores nor learning abilities test scores.

- Auditions, prerequisite classes will not be required of students who apply for admission to MISD magnet programs.

- No preference will be given in the application process to students living in the former attendance zones for Bowie, Pease and Washington.

- Parents must complete a separate application for each student who wants to apply for admission to attend a magnet school.

- Students may apply for admittance to one, two, or all three magnet schools by completing an online application.

4. The District has been divided into three geographic groups (A, B, C), using the following neighborhood codes: If you would like more information regarding the geographic zones or neighborhood codes, please contact the office of Student Services.

5. The lottery will be conducted as follows:

   - The drawing for each school will be conducted electronically.
   - Applications will be sorted by school, area, and grade level.
   - Applications for each school, area, and grade level will be randomly sorted electronically.

   - Students will be certified as eligible for admission.

   - As applications are certified, the student's name will be added to the Master List according to school, grade level and area. Siblings will be offered admittance and added to the Master List for the appropriate grade level and area, only if space is available and if siblings will be attending the same magnet school the same year.

   - Waiting lists will be created, by school, by area and grade level, s. If spaces become available, placement of students on the waiting list will give priority to siblings of students already enrolled, accepted, and attending the magnet program. Vacancies will be filled from waiting lists until the end of the first semester.

   - Students may apply to one, two, or three magnet programs. If a parent accepts the offer for a student to enroll at a magnet program, the student's name will be removed from waiting lists at other magnet programs to which the parent applied.

6. A separate lottery will be conducted for students who receive services in the bilingual program. Parents may indicate on the magnet school application whether their children receive services in the bilingual program in order for MISD to be able to identify students who are eligible for bilingual services. Bilingual classes will be scheduled based upon the number of bilingual students who apply to a magnet school; bilingual classes might not be offered at all three magnet schools so that MISD will be able to provide effective bilingual instruction. Bilingual services will be provided on at least one magnet school campus.

7. All parents will be notified of their offers into one, two, or three magnet programs. Parents whose children are offered admission to a magnet program will be required to verify that their children will attend the magnet program(s) to which their children have been offered admission.

8. If a student has applied for admission to more than one magnet school and is certified for admission to more than one magnet school, the following procedure will be applied:

   - Parents of students will be notified electronically and must respond electronically to indicate their magnet program preference by the deadline included in the notification.

- The application will be withdrawn and the student's name will be removed from the enrollment list if a parent does not complete the electronic acceptance process by the deadline to indicate their school preference.

9. The application process may be reopened for schools, grade levels and areas in the event the lottery process does not provide for full enrollment.

10. Exceptions to these procedures require approval of the Superintendent.

11. Magnet enrollment can be revoked at semester breaks if student does not adhere to standards set by Student Services. These standards include but are not limited to discipline, attendance, or grades. Campuses will follow revocation process set by Student Services department.

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