

**THOSE WHO NEED TO APPLY**

Families who live in the Northwest Suburban Integration School District (NWSISD) and would like their student to attend a NWSISD magnet school.

NWSISD Member Districts:

- Anoka-Hennepin School District
- Brooklyn Center Schools
- Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools
- Elk River Area School District
- Fridley Public Schools
- Osseo Area Schools-ISD 279
- Rockford Public Schools

**APPLICATION WINDOW DEADLINES**

**DECEMBER 31,  
2024  
MARCH 7, 2025**

Applications received after March 7, 2025 will be processed as received.



If you need help with this application, please call (763) 585-7350.

**ABOUT MAGNET SCHOOLS**

Magnet schools offer specialized curricular themes and instructional methods that are attractive options for students and families. The exciting nature of the theme curriculum has a broad appeal and meets the needs and interest of a diverse population of students. The teaching methods of the magnet schools address the diverse learning styles of students.

Magnet schools attract students with similar interests across geographic, racial and socio-economic lines so they form new “learning neighborhoods” that are naturally diverse. Students who choose to attend a particular school are more likely to stay engaged in learning and to succeed. in all areas

**TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation is provided for students approved to attend a magnet school through a NWSISD Magnet Schools Application when the student’s resident district is a member of NWSISD and the following distance limitations are met:

1. Kindergarten through 5 students live .08 mile or more from school;
2. Grades 6 through 12 students live one mile or more from school; or
3. An approved hazardous transportation condition exists which requires that the distance limitations are waived.

**DAYCARE/CHILDCARE TRANSPORTATION**

If a family needs transportation to and/or from a daycare location the following rules apply:

- The students home address and daycare are both located in the serving district, the serving district will provide transportation to/from the home address or daycare location.
- The students home address and daycare are both located in the resident district, K-12 Transportation will provide transportation to/from the home address or daycare location.
- Daycare transportation for magnet students who reside in a different district than the serving district and request one bus stop in the serving district and one bus stop in the resident district will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the serving district’s transportation department. Consideration is based on existing bus stops and availability of space on the bus.
- The student’s resident district and serving district are the same but daycare location is in a different district, transportation will not be provided.

# TO BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

**1** Determine your resident district by using the **DISTRICT MAP** at [www.district279.org](http://www.district279.org), or by contacting the Enrollment Center located at 7051 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center MN 55429 - (763) 585-7350 or [enrollmentcenter@district279.org](mailto:enrollmentcenter@district279.org). *If your address is outside of NWSISD (see member districts below), please apply through a Non-member District Transfer Application.*

NWSISD member districts: Anoka-Hennepin School District, Brooklyn Center Schools, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools, Elk River Area School District, Fridley Public Schools, ISD 279—Osseo Area Schools, Rockford Public Schools

**2** Select the schools that you are interested in. **A list of the District 279 magnet schools is included on the next page.** Choices will be considered in the order that they are listed on your application.

To attend a District 279 attendance area school, please apply through **ATTENDANCE AREA SCHOOL CHOICE.**

**3** Finally, complete the NWSISD Magnet Schools Application at [www.nws.k12.mn.us](http://www.nws.k12.mn.us). An application must be completed for each student who wishes to attend an alternate attendance area school. **To have the best chance of acceptance to your school(s) of choice, please submit your application on-line at [www.nws.k12.mn.us](http://www.nws.k12.mn.us) by December 31, 2024.**

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DATE FAMILIES WILL BE NOTIFIED	ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
APPLICATION WINDOW #1	December 31, 2024	January 25, 2025	February 14, 2025
APPLICATION WINDOW #2	March 7, 2025	March 20, 2025	April 11, 2025

\* Applications received after March 7, 2025 will be processed as received.

## APPROVAL GUIDELINES

NWSISD Magnet Schools Applications are approved on a space-available basis. A lottery (random selection) will be used if the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available.

The NWSISD Magnet Schools Application process is governed by the joint powers board of the Northwest Suburban Integration School District.

**All first choice schools will be considered first, remaining spots will be filled by the second choice.**

## WAITING POOL

Applications not selected for approval will automatically be entered in a waiting pool for consideration in the next application window or as space becomes available when disapproved after March 7, 2025.

# MAGNET SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS AND LOCATIONS

## Elementary Schools

SCHOOLS	START/END TIME
<b>Birch Grove School for the Arts</b> Grades K - 5 4690 Brookdale Drive Brooklyn Park, MN 55443	Grades K-5 ► 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pre-Kg ► 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Birch Grove School for the Arts**-Teachers teach academic subjects through various arts connections. It's very common to see students role-playing, drawing, singing, chanting, improvising, or moving as they learn math, language arts, reading, social studies, science, or health. Plus, arts specialists integrate skills and content from academic classrooms into

SCHOOLS	START/END TIME
<b>Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Technology, Engineering and Math School</b> Grades K - 5 15900 Weaver Lake Road Maple Grove, MN 55311	Grades K-5 ► 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Weaver Lake Elementary School-STEM**-Students have rich learning opportunities through inquiry based, hands-on classroom science and math activities as well as use of current technology and equipment for collecting and analyzing data. We provide an environment where students, teachers and families find the scientists in themselves through simulation, exploration and discovery.

SCHOOLS	START/END TIME
<b>Zanewood Elementary: A Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math School</b> Grades K - 5 7000 Zane Ave. N. Brooklyn Park MN 55429	Grades K-5 ► 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Zanewood Elementary School-STEAM**-Students develop critical thinking, creativity, innovation and realworld problem solving skills through scientific exploration, inquiry, and project based learning experiences. When Arts education is infused into the STEM framework students learn how things work in real life and learning becomes hands-on.

## Middle Schools

SCHOOLS	START/END TIME
<b>Brooklyn Middle School-STEAM</b> Grades 6-8 7377 Noble Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN 55443	Grades 6-8 ► 8:10 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

**Brooklyn Middle School—STEAM** Grades 6-8 A Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) magnet immerses students in a series of learning experiences that foster interaction and investigation. Students use technology and virtual studies to solve problems in new ways. Partnerships with organizations like the **Science Museum of Minnesota** and programs like **Project Lead the Way** help to provide an innovative and creative framework for a deeply engaging education.

## Senior High Schools

SCHOOLS	START/END TIME
<b>Park Center Senior High - An IB World School</b> Grades 9-12 7300 Brooklyn Boulevard Brooklyn Park, MN 55443	Grades 9-12 ► 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS	START/END TIME
<b>Osseo Senior High - Health Science</b> Grades 9-12 317 Second Avenue NW Osseo, MN 55369	Grades 9-12 ► 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Park Center Senior High Middle Years Programme (MYP)** Grade 9 is the culmination of the MYP begun at North View. It is based on three fundamental principles; holistic learning, intercultural awareness, and communication. Students in the MYP become more knowledgeable while better understanding how all their learning is connected. They learn to take risks, to see things from more than one perspective, and to communicate what they learn with others. As a result, students become highly adaptable learners able to thrive in the face of a quickly changing and challenging world. In addition, the MYP provides a foundation for students who choose to enter an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP) in 11th and 12th grade.

**Osseo Senior High Health Science** Grades 9-12 Develop future leaders in health/science/medical fields by offering themed, integrated curriculum and technical skill development through core academic learning as well as career and technical education that, when combined, will meet the needs and interests of a diverse group of learners. We will challenge and advance the knowledge of each individual and inspire and promote the highest level of achievement of all students.