



# MAGNET PROGRAMS IN FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

FCS offers a variety of specialized programs and school magnet programs designed to foster student success, creativity, and college and career readiness.

## Magnet Program Requests and Approval

- **School Request:** Principals and School Governance Councils use the Value-Added Flexibility Process to request a magnet program.
- **Approval Process:** All programmatic requests are reviewed and approved by Zone Superintendents, the Superintendent, and the Fulton County Board of Education.

## Program Standards and Requirements

- **Certification:** Schools with approved magnet programs must work toward Board-approved certification and/or credentialing through external agencies to qualify for funding. Refer to Operating Guideline IJ for details.
- **Student Participation:** All students should have opportunities to participate, and schools are expected to increase the number of students meeting program expectations. Students may participate in a magnet program if they meet the program's requirements or prerequisites set by the school.
- **Student Expectations:** High school students in magnet programs are expected to complete 8 Carnegie Units within the designated field. In addition to these requirements, all magnet programs have other student requirements and expectations. Refer to Operating Guideline IJ for details.

## Funding and Support

- **Program Funding:** Magnet programs are funded through personnel and non-personnel allotments as defined by the School Allotment Guidelines.
- **Resource Allocation:** Funding must be used exclusively for the designated programs and cannot be reallocated.

## Accountability and Reporting

- **Monitoring:** Schools will be responsible for monitoring implementation and ensuring the fidelity of program delivery.
- **Annual Reporting:** Schools must submit yearly status reports on the program's implementation and impact.

## TYPES OF MAGNET PROGRAMS

**3DE Magnet:** Partners with Junior Achievement to enhance high school education through real-world business case studies and interdisciplinary learning, focusing on critical thinking, collaboration, communication, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness.

**CTAE Magnet:** Offers specialized CTAE pathways with rigorous core elements and performance standards, preparing students for the workforce, college, or military training after graduation.

**IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) Magnet:** Prepares students in K-5 to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. PYP is implemented school-wide.

**IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Magnet:** Provides students in grades 6-10 to make connections between their coursework and the real world through a challenging, inclusive framework of eight subject areas. MYP is implemented school-wide.

**IB Diploma Programme (DP) Magnet:** Prepares high school students to excel in their college and career and lead meaningful lives through a program that builds an inquiry mindset and fosters a student's desire to learn.

**STEM Magnet:** Integrates science, technology, engineering, and math to develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and real-world applications through hands-on experiences and collaborative projects.

**STEAM Magnet:** Combines STEM education with arts integration to foster creativity, inquiry, and hands-on learning, promoting a multi-perspective approach to problem-solving.

**Visual and Performing Arts Magnet:** Offers specialized courses, practicums, and internships in music, theater, dance, and visual arts, helping students develop creative and technical skills.



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