



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS MAGNET PROGRAMS FCS

## TYPES OF PROGRAMS AND OFFERINGS

### What types of magnet programs are there in Fulton County Schools?

The following are the approved magnets in FCS: 3DE Magnet, CTAE Magnet, IB Primary Years Programme Magnet, IB Middle Years Programme Magnet, IB Diploma Programme Magnet, STEM Magnet, STEAM Magnet, and Visual and Performing Arts Magnet.

### Which schools have magnet programs?

Schools are currently in the process of applying through the Value-Added Flexibility Process to request to have a program. These requests will be finalized in January. Once official, a list will be posted on the district website.

### Does every school in FCS have a magnet program?

Not every school in the district has a magnet program. Schools can apply for a magnet program by applying for a Value-Added Flexibility Process.

### Are the Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence (F.A.V.E.), FCS Innovation Academy, Global Impact Academy, and The Promise Career Institute magnet programs?

These are stand-alone schools without designated attendance zones. They follow independent enrollment processes. For specific enrollment information, please contact these schools directly.

### Can a school have more than one magnet program?

Yes, a school can offer multiple magnet programs. Schools can request to add magnet programs through the Value-Added Flexibility Process.

## ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

### How do students attend a school with a magnet program?

If a student's zoned school offers a magnet program, they may participate if they meet the specific programmatic requirements or prerequisites set by the school. Parents or guardians should contact the school directly to confirm program participation criteria.

If a student wants to attend a school with a magnet program outside their attendance zone, they must first apply through the **COSA (Change of School Assignment) process**. Schools must have available permanent learning space and staffing capacity to be considered for a Change of School Assignment Request. Schools will be considered to have space based on having enrollment 95% or below their stated capacity over a three-year projection. Parents or guardians should contact the school directly to confirm program participation and the prerequisites required.

### What is the application process for a magnet program?

There is not a district-wide application for magnet programs. Once a student is enrolled in the school that offers the magnet program, they may participate if they meet the requirements or prerequisites set by the school. Parents or guardians should contact the school directly to confirm program participation criteria.

### Is transportation provided for students attending magnet programs?

Transportation is only provided if the student's assigned school offers the magnet program. Transportation is not provided for students attending a magnet program outside their assigned school. Some students may be grandfathered in. Refer to Board Policy JBCD Change of Assignment for more information.

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## SCHOOL CERTIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

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### What are the academic prerequisites or eligibility criteria for each magnet program?

Academic prerequisites and eligibility criteria are determined by each school and vary based on the specific program. Please contact the school directly for details.

### What certification must a school obtain to be designated as a magnet program?

To qualify for magnet program funding and designation, schools must attain the certification or credentialing outlined in [Operating Guideline IJ, Appendix A](#). to qualify for magnet program funding and designation.

#### Credentialing Requirements:

- STEM & STEAM Magnets: [Georgia STEM/STEAM Certification](#)
- 3DE, CTAE, & Visual and Performing Arts Magnets: [Magnet Schools of America Certification](#)
- International Baccalaureate Magnets:
  - ~ [IB Feasibility Study](#)
  - ~ [IB Candidacy](#)
  - ~ [IB Authorization](#)
  - ~ [IB Self-Study & Evaluation \(every five years\)](#)

### What if a school wants to offer a magnet program that is not on the district list?

Schools wishing to add programs not currently offered may request this through the Value-Added Flexibility Process.

### Is there a required enrollment number or growth expectation for magnet programs?

Schools with magnet programs are expected to show an increase in student participation and students meeting Carnegie unit expectations or other specific program goals outlined in [Operating Guideline IJ, Appendix A](#).

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## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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### Are there any associated fees or costs for participating in a magnet program?

Some programs may have additional fees. However, the district is committed to ensuring that financial constraints do not prevent any student from participating. Students can still participate in the program if they cannot pay fees per policy.

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