

MAGNET GENERAL INFORMATION

Magnet Programs Information

- **School Choice website** - www.clayton.k12.ga.us/departments/school_choice
- Visit school websites
- **Email:** schoolchoice@clayton.k12.ga.us
- **Email:** magnetprograms@clayton.k12.ga.us

Application Deadlines for the 2026-2027 School Year

December 1, 2025 (5:00PM): On-time application deadline for Magnet Programs.

Late applications will be accepted after **February 1, 2026**; however, they will not be included in the **March 2026** Magnet lottery and will be entered after all applicants in the wait pool have been assigned. The late applications will close March 1, 2026. **Non-Resident applicants please see Page 21 for your application date.**

Application Submission

Complete application online at <https://applyclayton.schoolmint.com>. Students currently enrolled in Clayton County Public Schools must enter their student ID number.

All duplicate applications will be deleted and students will not be eligible for the lottery.

Application Guidelines

- The student's and parent's address must match the address on file in Infinite Campus or the application will not be processed. Infinite Campus must reflect your current residential address at the time of application.
- The parent and student must be full-time Clayton County residents at the time of the application.
- **Only ONE application per student may be submitted.**
- A maximum of two choice programs per application may be selected.
- Choices may be any combination of programs or schools.
- Applicants rank first and second choices in order of preference. First and second choices do not have equal chances of being selected. Programs may have limited numbers of available seats and not have any second-choice students assigned in the lottery.
- Identification of a second choice does not decrease a student's chance of being selected to their first choice.

- Sibling preference is not applicable to magnet programs.
- Changes cannot be made once the application has been submitted.
- Students with Disabilities are eligible to apply to Choice programs. An IEP team may convene to ensure the IEP can be implemented once the student is accepted.
- English Language Learners and 504 students can be accommodated in all Choice programs and are encouraged to apply.

Available Seats in Choice Programs

The greatest number of available seats at each school is for students entering grades kindergarten, six, or nine (Except Elite Scholars Academy - grade 9).

Eligibility of applicants

- All applicants must meet age, residency, and academic requirements.
- Full requirements are posted to the [School Choice](#) website.
- For students in grade 9, the GPA listed in Infinite Campus at the time of eligibility determination will be considered.
- For students enrolling in grade 9, the cumulative GPA for middle school will be considered.
- Students not meeting eligibility criteria will not be placed in the Choice Lottery for that program.
- If a student is determined ineligible for his/her first choice selection, the second choice program selection on the application does not move to the first choice preference.
- All students are required to meet the minimum criteria for admission into a magnet program or school. However, if a student cannot be accommodated at another non-charter school within the district, the district reserves the right to place the student in a magnet program or non-charter school, as long as the student meets the eligibility requirements. District and school staff will collaborate to make enrollment decisions in a fair and thoughtful manner, prioritizing the best interests of both the student and the school community.

Current Home Education, Virtual School, Private School, and Charter School Students

Parents must submit proof of residency, transcripts, and standardized assessment results to the School Choice Department via the online portal no later than **December 1, 2025**. Please check eligibility requirements for complete details.

Post Lottery

- Students who are selected in the on-time Choice lottery will receive notification from the district via email and the <http://applyclayton.schoolmint.com> portal by **March 25, 2026**.
- Students who are not selected in the on-time Choice lottery will receive notification from the district via email on or about **March 25, 2026**.
- Once a student is selected for one of their choices, the student is immediately removed from the wait pool for the remaining program on the application.
- If a student declines their first choice assignment, the student must attend his zoned school.
- Students assigned to their first choice cannot choose to remain in the wait pool for their second choice.
- If a student declines their second choice assignment, the student may remain in the wait pool for their first choice. A decline of a second choice lottery assignment will automatically place the student in the wait pool for the first choice. To be considered, eligibility criteria must be met for the first choice program.
- If a student is accepted into the 1st or 2nd choice, the system will auto-decline the student's other choice on the offered list upon accepting the seat into another choice.
- Students who are selected and accept placement into a Choice program must agree to participate on a full-time basis.
- An applicant may not be selected for either one of their choices. If this occurs, the student is placed in a wait pool and may be accepted for any openings reported by the school.
- Students may be assigned through the lottery process until 4:00pm on the first day of school.
- If a student exits a Choice program voluntarily that student may re-apply in any future lottery cycle to the same Choice program. All criteria must be met.
- If a student exits a Choice program involuntarily, that student will forfeit the seat and may not apply in any future lottery cycle to the same Choice program.
- If a student is not selected to attend a Choice program prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year a new application may be submitted for the 2027-2028 school year.

Accepted Students

- All Choice programs require, as a condition for admission, that parents/legal guardians sign a contract agreeing to the student requirements of the Choice school.
- The parent or guardian has the right to withdraw the student at any time but removal at the end of the semester or year is highly recommended.
- A student who fails to meet the standards established in the contract will be placed on probation.
- If the student does not meet the terms of probation by the end of the designated marking period, or a Level 3 or 4 incident according to the CCPS Student Code of Conduct occurs, a diverse committee of school and district representatives will establish a review, discuss, and recommend the appropriate action, as per the school program requirements.
- Certain programs may require students to maintain designated GPA for continued participation.
- Schools may only exit students at the end of a semester unless a serious offense warrants such removal (Discipline Level 3 or 4 or recommendation of the school committee). If a student is exited, the student is no longer eligible to apply for any program at the school in any future application cycle.
- Magnet programs will have a different dress code from the district-wide dress code. Please review the school's website for the current requirements.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Review each school's academic requirements prior to submitting the application
- Choose programs that fit your child's interests
- Submit required documents early
- Prepare for auditions/interviews if required
- Rank your choices carefully
- Double-check your application before submission – no changes can be made after submission