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Applications to Richmond County School System magnet schools and special programs open

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – Families in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) can now apply for Richmond County School System (RCSS) magnet schools and specialized programs for the 2025-2026 school year. Applications are open for students in elementary, middle, and high school, with the deadline set for January 6, 2025.

"School choice gives families the chance to find programs that fit their children's interests and academic goals," said Brian Hadden, School Options Program Specialist. "We're proud of our nationally recognized magnet schools and also offer career-focused programs in fields like cybersecurity, healthcare, and skilled trades to prepare students for the future."

Families must apply online by January 6, 2025, and students applying to magnet schools must complete academic testing. Applicants for John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School must also pass auditions if they meet initial requirements.

Magnet Schools

- A.R. Johnson Health Science & Engineering Magnet School
- C.T. Walker Traditional Magnet School
- John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School
- Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School

RCSS also offers a range of specialized programs for students across the district. Some programs require an application, while others can be accessed through the student's current school.

Specialized programs that require an application:

- Academy for Advanced Placement Studies
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)

Other specialized programs:

- Cyber Academy of Excellence
- Performance Learning Center (PLC)
- Marion E. Barnes Career Center

- Reaching Potential Through Manufacturing (RPM)

Parents can also request a school transfer under Georgia's House Bill 251 (HB251) if there is space available in the desired school. The transfer application deadline is May 1, 2025.

For more information or to apply for School Choice or HB251, visit www.rcboe.org/choice or call the School Options Office at (706) 826-1136.

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