



Guidelines for Applying to Davis Magnet School (K-6): Fall 2026

- Current K-6 Davis Magnet School (DMS) students do NOT need to reapply.
- Students attending DMS must provide their own transportation to and from school.
- Acceptance into DMS is determined via lottery, not on a first-come, first-served basis. When the number of applicants at a particular grade level exceeds the number of seats available, a lottery process is used.
- Applications must be submitted between February 9 - March 15, 2026.
- Siblings of current and continuing DMS students in grades K-5 receive priority, but must apply.
- Applications are only for students attending K-6. Davis Magnet School does not offer TK. For TK information, please contact our Early Learning Offices at 714-424-8978.
- Spots in the SCC ABA classrooms are assigned through the IEP process.

For NEW students applying for the opportunity to be in the lottery for attendance at DMS.

- Proof of residency in Newport-Mesa Unified School District is required of all students.
- Please read the New Student Enrollment form for address verification and pre-enrollment instructions.
 - [NMUSD Enrollment/Address Verification](#)
- Address Verification and Pre-Enrollment for the new school year will begin at the end of January 2026. Please visit the [Enrollment](#) website for more information.

When may I apply for the opportunity to be in the lottery for attendance at DMS?

- DMS Application Window is from February 9 to March 15, 2026.
- Create a SchoolMint parent account and apply online between February 9 and March 15.
 - [SchoolMint Account](#)
- We are only accepting online applications. If you need help applying, you can contact the DMS office to make an appointment. We will be happy to assist you in completing an online application (between February 9 and March 15, 2026) at the DMS office. Call 714-424-7930.
- A computerized random lottery to be witnessed by independent observers will occur.
- Notification of acceptance into DMS or placement onto a grade-level-specific waiting list:
 - Applicants will be notified via email by April 15, 2026.

What if my child's name is NOT drawn in the lottery, and is not accepted into DMS?

- If your child's name is not drawn in the lottery, his/her name will be placed on a grade-level waiting list with a numbered ranking assigned by the lottery. You are encouraged to **immediately** enroll your child at his or her school of residence in NMUSD so that your child will be enrolled. We cannot guarantee that a waiting list placement will lead to subsequent admission to DMS.
 - To check the status of your child's waiting list spot, log in to your SchoolMint account. DMS does not have access to the waiting list. The waiting list does not carry over. Students on the waiting list will have to reapply the following year.

What if my child's name IS drawn in the lottery, and is accepted into DMS?

- If your child's name has been selected via lottery to attend DMS, you will receive an email notification. You are required to accept or decline the offer on SchoolMint within 5 days of receiving your offer of admission email to DMS. You are also required to complete the Address Verification and Pre-Enrollment Process online no later than May 15, 2026.

Note: Davis Magnet School cannot process your child's address verification and pre-enrollment if there are any missing documents. To ensure a faster and easier process, please have all the documents required.

For the latest information on DMS:

- DMS Website: <http://davismagnet.nmusd.us>
- NMUSD Website: <http://web.nmusd.us>
- Call the Davis Magnet School Office at 714-424-7930, opt 4

All interested incoming parents are invited to join Principal Dr. Nina Glassen and the Kindergarten teaching team for a **Kindergarten Round-Up Informational meeting on January 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.** in the Davis MPR.