

Sheila Tarr Academy Admissions Policy

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TARR ACADEMY

Tarr Academy is a magnet school within the Clark County School District. All students wishing to attend a magnet school must submit an application online through the CCSD Magnet Office website. We are not a zoned/neighborhood school. Magnet schools offer specialized learning themes for students who have unique interests. Entry to an elementary school magnet program is interest-based, and Tarr Academy is an IB World School. There are no qualifying factors. If there are more applications than seats available in the program, a randomized lottery is conducted. Parents are required to accept or decline their child's seat selection within 10 days of the school lottery in February. We will continue to fill any remaining seats of our program through the end of the day on the second Friday of each school year. Once a parent accepts the seat and registers at Tarr Academy, they do not need to reapply in subsequent years to remain in the program.

Any student that is selected for the program will sign a magnet school contract to remain in the program for one year, but may continue in our program until the student completes the highest grade at that school as long as the student continues to make satisfactory progress. We do ask that parents notify us if their child will not be returning the following school year, so we can open up seats for that grade level of the following school year.

To apply for kindergarten, students must be 5 years of age on or before the first day of the school year.

Lottery Process

Students are eligible to receive one or more preferences in the magnet lottery process. The District generally reserves up to 25% of the seats available in a magnet program for students who apply to a magnet school and are eligible to receive a preference in the lottery.

In order to be considered for a preference, an application must be received by the annually specified deadline. Preferences are only applied to a student's first choice

on-time application. To be eligible for a preference at the secondary level, the applicant must meet the magnet school program qualifications.

If the qualified applicants eligible for a preference comprise more than 25% of the available seats, the District will randomly select students to fill the seats. The qualified applicants who are not selected will be placed in the general lottery.

Preferences

Sibling Preference

A qualified applicant will receive a sibling preference if a sibling is already enrolled in and attending the magnet school to which the applicant applies as their first choice on-time application. An on-time application is one that is submitted on or before the deadline date in January. Siblings must be concurrently enrolled in the magnet school for the upcoming school year.

Twin-Multiple Procedure

If qualified applicants are twins/triplets (multiples) and one twin/triplet (multiple) is accepted through the general lottery, the other qualified twin/triplet (multiple) will also be accepted into the program if they applied by the specified deadline. Applicants must apply to the same school.

Geographic Preference

A qualified applicant will receive a geographic preference if the applicant resides in the magnet school's geographic preference area established by the CCSD Demographics and Zoning Department.