

MAGNET PROGRAMS

Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

And Schools Without Attendance Boundaries

Magnet programs and schools without attendance boundaries provide students with specialized learning opportunities that go beyond traditional classroom instruction. Designed around focused areas such as STEM, the arts, career pathways, or global studies, these programs allow students to explore their interests deeply while developing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

By connecting learning to real-world experiences, magnet programs prepare students for college, careers, and lifelong learning. They also foster collaboration, cultural awareness, and personal growth, giving students a chance to thrive in an environment tailored to their strengths and passions.

MAGNET OPTIONS



3DE by Junior Achievement is an innovative high school model that connects classroom learning to the real world through hands-on, case-based experiences developed with local and national businesses. Students work collaboratively across academic subjects to solve authentic business challenges while building essential skills such as analytical thinking, communication, collaboration, self-direction, creativity, and problem-solving.



Through a partnership with local technical colleges, the Accelerated Career Diploma program (also called FCS Middle College) allows eligible high school students to earn a diploma and technical college credentials (TCCs) at the same time. Career-focused training

in high-demand fields is provided at schools or a local technical college, helping students enter the workforce sooner or continue their education.



The globally recognized International Baccalaureate Programmes (Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Diploma Programme) develop inquisitive, knowledgeable, and caring learners. Through engaging academics, critical thinking, real-world application, and intercultural understanding, students grow in confidence, creativity, and collaboration to become lifelong learners ready to thrive in an increasingly connected world.



STEM-focused curricula integrate science, technology, engineering,

and mathematics through hands-on, real-world experiences that help students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills for future careers.



With STEM as its foundation, STEAM adds the Arts to integrate visual and performing arts into STEM learning. This fosters creativity and innovation while helping students recognize connections across disciplines and concepts.



Visual and Performing Arts magnet programs provide coursework and experiences in music, theater, dance, and the visual arts. Students develop creative talents and technical skills through practicums, internships, and real-world projects.



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APPLICATIONS & ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Elementary & Middle Schools

ZONED STUDENTS

Automatically enrolled in magnet

OUT-OF-ZONE

Apply through COSA



- Elementary and middle schools with a magnet program offer the curriculum schoolwide.
- Students who live within these schools' attendance zones are automatically enrolled.
- Out-of-zone students must follow the school district's Change of Schools Assignment (COSA) process to be considered for a school transfer.

High Schools

ZONED STUDENTS

Must apply to magnet

OUT-OF-ZONE

Apply for COSA first, then magnet application



- High schools limit magnet studies participation to students who have applied and been accepted into the program, even if students are zoned for the school. Some exceptions occur; see magnet website for details.
- Out-of-zone students must use the COSA process to apply for a transfer; however, an approved transfer does not guarantee admission into the magnet program.
- A separate magnet application process occurs after COSA acceptance into the high school.

Schools Without an Attendance Zone

Open to
ALL DISTRICT STUDENTS

Apply directly through school-managed application process



- There are several magnet-themed high schools without attendance zones.
- These schools were designed around specific areas of study and accept students from across the district through a school-managed application process and timeline.
- Visit the Magnet Options webpage for information about these schools and their admission procedures.



School Board Policy JBCC (Change of School Assignment/COSA) governs the district's annual process for requesting a school transfer. Students who wish to attend a magnet program outside of their attendance zone must first apply through the COSA process. The application window opens only once annually, and schools accepting transfers may vary each year due to available space.

However, once approved, a student's COSA placement at that school continues from year to year if all requirements are met.*

Out-of-zone high school students must receive COSA approval before applying to a school offering magnet program. However, COSA approval does not guarantee admission into the magnet program; students must complete a separate application through the school.

**Transportation and Student Expectations:* For out-of-zone students applying to a magnet program, admission requires a school transfer under the Change of School Assignment (COSA) policy. As a result, accepted students must meet the requirements of the COSA program, which include arranging their own transportation to and from school. District bus service is not provided for COSA transfer students.

To maintain enrollment, students must also maintain satisfactory attendance, good academic standing, and behavior that complies with the district's Student Code of Conduct.

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