Northwest School of the Arts: Magnet Continuation Agreement

Visual & Performing Creative Arts at Northwest School of the Arts

About Our School

- NWSA provides a stimulating arts environment to maximize students' interests, skills, and artistic passion.
- Maximizes academic achievement through specialized instruction in an arts major, combined with a rigorous curriculum tied to NC standards, as one of the highest-ranked high schools in the district and state ("A" state rating).
- Utilizes national arts education standards to offer an arts-infused curriculum supporting state educational goals.
- Employs high-yield instructional strategies tailored to unique learning needs and advanced discipline study.

Arts Educator Expertise & Training

- Teachers participate in magnet-themed training to facilitate diverse arts experiences.
- Industry-level instruction provided by certified, highly qualified teachers in dance, music, theater arts, and visual arts.
- Provides authentic experiences and role models via exposure to resident artists, venues, and performances.
- Fosters creative thinking and connects learning to real-world context.

Expectations for the Student/Family

- Students must demonstrate conscientious academic effort, focus, discipline, and active lesson participation.
- Students should be committed to artistic growth, original thinking, and working independently and collaboratively.
- Families are expected to support students by attending events and helping fulfill curriculum requirements.
- Students must remain at grade level in their arts discipline to continue in the program.
- Regular attendance is mandatory; persistent attendance issues may result in targeted MTSS interventions or reassignment to home school.
- Transportation to NWSA is managed through the district's "Express Stops," rather than neighborhood stops. See the CMS website for details.

Required Auditions and Minimum Magnet Courses

- Rising 9th graders and above must submit an audition application packet (including transcripts/prerequisites).
- Students must pass a school-based performance or portfolio audition prior to magnet enrollment for grades 9-12.
- Auditions are scheduled via Northwest School of the Arts (980-343-5500; details at https://northwesths.cmsk12.org/).

Requirements for Magnet Program Continuation

- Grades 9-12 students must fulfill yearly minimum course requirements in their arts major to maintain enrollment.
- Rising 9th graders must pass an audition evaluating cumulative arts skills; passing according to department rubrics secures automatic continuation.
- Enrolled students must pass their major class each year, with MTSS support provided as needed.
- Failure to meet course expectations will result in program exit.

I have read and understand the expectations stated above. I also understand that if I do not wish to continue in the Visual and Performing Arts program at my school, I must request a transfer into my home school or another magnet program.

Student Name: _____ **Student Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____ **Date** _____

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