MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT • SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

A Family Guide to Magnet Program Admissions

Applying for the 2027–2028 school year • Apply Nov. 16, 2026 (8:00 a.m.) through Feb. 5, 2027 (11:59 p.m.) • apps.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Magnet • Online Registration also REQUIRED.

MCSD magnet schools are free public schools of choice built around multiple themes planned for engaging students in specific and personalized learning pathways: **Fine Arts, STEM/STEAM & Engineering, International Baccalaureate, CTAE, College & Career Academies, Student Leadership, Accelerated Academics, and more.** Any family planning to enroll in MCSD may apply.

★ NEW THIS YEAR: PLEASE READ

1. Online Registration is REQUIRED for consideration into a Magnet Program. Complete MCSD Online Registration (OLR), with all required documentation, by **February 5**. If it is not complete, your application cannot be considered.

****By completing this process including District Online Registration, you grant permission for schools to send a Records Request to your previous academic institution(s) if you are not currently enrolled in the Muscogee County School District. A failure to obtain records could result in a denial for consideration.****

2. Status Release: On **March 22 at 8:00 a.m.** you will see a final decision from every school to which you applied: Accepted, Waitlisted, or Denied for each school.

3. You have 72 hours to decide. 3 calendar days, counted from when an offer posts. Weekends and holidays count.

4. Applicants may hold only ONE accepted seat at a time. Saying yes to one school moves the applicant to the bottom of the waitlist at the other schools for which an acceptance or waitlist was issued.

YOUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

NOV 16	Online Magnet Application opens at 8:00 a.m. **CLICK HERE TO APPLY**.
NOV – JAN	Open Houses held for each magnet school
JAN 11	District Online Registration (OLR) opens
FEB 5	**DEADLINE: Online Magnet Application AND completed OLR, 11:59 p.m.**
FEB 6 – 19	Entrance exams, auditions, interviews, and criteria assessments held by schools
MAR 22	Initial Offer Decisions post at 8:00 a.m.
MAR 22 – 31	Accept or decline within 72 hours of your offer; waitlist offers may post any day as seats are released.
MAR 31	In-Season Offer Cycle ends at 8:00 a.m.

★ YOUR MAGNET CHECKLIST

☐ Pick **one email address** the family checks often. Every notice from the portal will go to this address.

☐ **Nov. 16 – Feb. 5:** Apply online @ MCSD Online Magnet Application. Record your **Magnet Application Number**.

☐ **Feb. 5:** Complete **MCSD District Online Registration** (OLR) with required documentation/transportation request.

☐ **Feb. 6 – 19 (or earlier as scheduled with completed applications):** Attend scheduled exams, auditions, interviews, criteria assessments. Ask early about accommodations.

☐ **March 22 at 8:00 a.m.** Log in to see each a final status decision issued by schools to which you applied.

☐ Accept or decline within **72 hours**. Weekends count. Offers may be issued any time during the open season.

How It Works, Step by Step

Seven Steps: Exploring Programs to Starting at Your Magnet School

1. **Explore your options (November – January).** Visit school websites to see each program's theme and requirements. Go to open houses; dates are on the MCSD District website and each school's website.
2. **Apply Online: Nov. 16 (8:00 a.m.) – Feb. 5 (11:59 p.m.).** Apply at apps.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Magnet. You can apply to as many programs as you like. Save the **Magnet Application Number** for your application.
3. **Complete Online Registration: Jan. 11 – Feb. 5.** This is the district's registration for the 2027–2028 school year. It is a separate website from the magnet application. Upload **proof of address** and, for students new to MCSD, **check to authorize and complete Records Requests from current/previous academic institutions**. Enter your Magnet Application Number and request transportation. **If OLR is not complete by Feb. 5, your application cannot be considered.**
4. **Take entrance exams or auditions: Feb. 6 – 19.** Some programs include a test, audition, interview, or criteria evaluation event. Each school will contact you with dates. If your child needs testing accommodations, note this in the application. A staff member who is not on the selection committee will arrange for all accommodations.
5. **See your initial decision status: March 22 at 8:00 a.m.** The portal posts a decision for every program you applied to: accepted, waitlisted, or denied. All decisions issued through the portal are final.
6. **Decide within 72 hours (3 calendar days).** Your 72 hours start when your offer posts in the portal, whether that is **March 22 or a later day**. Accept or decline online. If time runs out or you decline, your application moves to the bottom of that school's waitlist but can still get a new offer while seats open up through **March 31**.
7. **Accepted and confirmed? Get ready!** Your school will reach out about orientation, the Magnet Compact, and transportation.

★ GOOD TO KNOW

- **Selection is fair.** A committee scores applications using only each program's published criteria. Scorers do not see specific student demographic information.
- **Free transportation** is offered for accepted magnet students. Request it in **Online Registration** by **Feb. 5**.
- **Each student applies on their own merit.** Siblings and households are welcome to apply but are not automatically accepted. This includes children of MCSD employees.
- **Live outside Muscogee County?** Use the same online application during the In-Season Application timeline for best consideration outcomes. Participate actively in completing **Records Requests** from your current school early.
- **Changed your mind?** If you give up a magnet seat and return to your zoned school, the seat is released for the rest of the year. You may reapply next year.
- **Hardship and Open Seat Transfer requests are separate** and have no effect on magnet decisions.

Apply starting November 16 → apps.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Magnet

Questions? Contact the magnet coordinator at the specific school of interest.

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Magnet Program Application Timeline

Applying for the 2027–2028 school year

Magnet schools are free public schools of choice built around a specific theme driven by student interests, fostering engagement and successful learning experiences. Any family planning to enroll in MCSD may apply **HERE**.

Date	What happens	What you need to do
Monday, Nov. 16, 2026 8:00 a.m.	Online Magnet Application opens	Apply at apps.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Magnet. Save your Magnet Application Number.
November – January	Open houses at each magnet school	Visit and engage. Dates are posted on the district website and each school's website.
Monday, Jan. 11, 2027 8:00 a.m.	MCSD **Online Registration (OLR)** opens for the 2027–2028 school year	Start your OLR. Complete all required documentation. Request transportation in your OLR.
Friday, Feb. 5, 2027 11:59 p.m.	**DEADLINE.** Magnet application closes and Online Registration is due.	Your application **and** your completed OLR, with all documentation, must be complete. If your OLR is not finalized, your application will not be considered.
Feb. 6 – 19, 2027	Entrance exams, auditions, interviews, and criteria evaluation events	Watch for dates from each school. If your child needs testing accommodations, note it in the application.
Monday, Mar. 22, 2027 8:00 a.m.	Decisions post in the portal: accepted, waitlisted, or denied	Log in and check your status for each school to which you applied. Decisions are final.
Mar. 22 – 31, 2027	Offer period. Waitlist offers are continually issued through the online portal as seats are released.	Accept or decline each offer within **72 hours** of when it posts (3 days, weekends count). Your clock starts when your offer posts, not on March 22. You can hold only **one** accepted seat at a time.
Wednesday, Mar. 31, 2027 8:00 a.m.	Online Offer Season ends	All offers close. Post-season online process for students new to the district will open later with reduced availability.

Before you start

- Use **one email address** you check every day. Every notice comes to that email.
- Apply to as many programs as you like. Each application gets its own **Magnet Application Number**. Write it down. You will need it for **Online Registration**.
- Transportation is free for officially accepted magnet students. Request it in **Online Registration** by **February 5**.

Questions? Call the magnet coordinator at the school of interest. The magnet application process is separate from Hardship and Open Seat Transfer requests.