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Quick Guide for Eligibility Rules
2026-2027

General Information

It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school for requirements that are school specific (e.g. proficiency tests, auditions, etc.) and submit all required documentation by January 15th.

A. Basic Criteria for Random Selection Magnets

- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in each core academic subject area (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in conduct for the core academic subject areas (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a "2" or higher for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for the previous year and 5 unexcused absences for the first semester of the current year.
- No teacher recommendation will be required.
- Parents must schedule any required language skills testing for International Studies programs by January 15th.
- FSA scores can only be reviewed as part of the eligibility process under very limited circumstances.
- Elementary schools may not review FSA scores.
    - Secondary schools with a seven or an eight-period schedule may not review FSA scores.
    - Secondary schools with a six-period schedule may review FSA scores to determine if a student has at least one elective period available to take magnet themed courses.

C. Visual & Performing Arts Magnets

- Parents must schedule auditions/interviews by January 15th.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in each core academic subject area (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in conduct for the core academic subject areas (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a "2" or higher for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for the previous year and 5 unexcused absences for the first semester of the current year.
- Placement is based on audition/interview results.
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