

Admissions Policy for Miami-Dade County Public School Magnets:

M-DCPS: A Legacy of Choice

For more than 50 years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has been at the forefront of the choice movement in education, having established Henry S. West Laboratory School in 1954, as an experimental school of choice associated with the School of Education at the University of Miami. This initiative was followed in 1963 by the development and implementation of a dual language program at Coral Way Elementary School. Magnet programs began in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1973 with the opening of a center for the Expressive Arts in the heart of the inner city. Since then, M-DCPS has implemented a broad variety of choice programs including the first corporate-based Satellite Learning Center in 1987; the first controlled open-enrollment schools in 1995; the State's first charter school in 1996; and, most recently, the federally funded Voluntary Public School Choice Program in 2002. As of this school year, approximately 42% of Pre-K through 12 students in M-DCPS have made an active choice in school or program in which they are enrolled.

Choice programs are a sound investment for the future of our students and in the business workforce needs of tomorrow. Our entire community benefits from the large array of choice options offered by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Parents have a clear Choice in Miami-Dade County.

Anti-Discrimination/Harassment (Students) – School Board Policies 1362, 3362, 4362, and 5517

Prohibit harassment and/or discrimination against students, employees, or applicants on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, gender identification, social and family background, linguistic preference, pregnancy, citizenship status, and any other legally prohibited basis. Retaliation for engaging in a protected activity is also prohibited.

Questions, complaints or requests for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to: Executive Director, Civil Rights Compliance Office, 155 NE 15 Street, Suite P-104E, Miami, Florida 33132; PH: 305-995-1580 or e-mail address: crc@dadeschools.net.

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2002 – no public school shall deny equal access to, or a fair opportunity for groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after school hours, or discriminate against any group officially affiliated with Boy Scouts of America or any other youth or community group listed in Title 36 (as a patriotic society).

Vision

To be the recognized leader in the achievement of academic excellence through educational choice.

Mission

To create and implement innovative educational programs to give parents and students an active voice in choosing learning opportunities that foster student diversity, academic excellence, school-to-career pathways, and real-world learning.

Core Value

We deliver the highest quality services and support within an environment of open communication, professionalism, dedication, and commitment to integrity.

Magnet Schools Application

Agreement of Understanding

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS JANUARY 15.

- Parents may apply online or directly to the School Choice & Parental Options address below using the official Magnet Application Form. Only one (1) application per student will be accepted. Duplicates or revisions WILL NOT be accepted.
- Please complete all required areas. Failure to sign and/or complete all sections may result in the application not being processed.
- All applications will be processed only at the office of School Choice & Parental Options. Please send your applications directly to the office to the address listed below. Students may apply to a maximum of five (5) schools (one (1) PROGRAM per school). If more than five (5) selections are made, we will process only five (5) and reserve the right to make this application void.
- Any required transcripts or other documentation required by individual schools may be uploaded with the online application or sent directly to the attention of the Magnet Lead Teacher at the individual school where you are applying.
- Individual schools may require additional documentation. You must contact the individual schools to which you are applying. All required documentation must be uploaded with the online application or sent directly to the school(s) to which you are applying by the application deadline.
- In order to be considered for Sibling Status, you must provide the correct Miami-Dade County Public Schools Student Identification Number for both the applicant and applicant's sibling(s). Preference is given to eligible applicants with siblings currently attending and who will be in attendance at the same magnet school during the school year for which you are applying. Siblings will be accepted based upon the availability of open seats in the grade level for which the student is applying. Sibling preference does not apply to students applying for Visual & Performing Arts programs. The sibling must reside in the same household as the student who is applying, or documentation of joint custody must be provided. Current policy provides for sibling preference to younger siblings applying where older siblings currently attend. However, this policy is under review and might change to include ALL siblings for consideration. Please complete, at this time, the sibling request information for all siblings.

- If your child does not already have a Miami-Dade County Public Schools Student Identification Number, you should write “NO ID” on the application in the area labeled M-DCPS Student ID Number. Applications may also be submitted online for students who have not been issued a M-DCPS Student ID Number.
- All notifications from schools will be sent to the email address listed on the application. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that email address and all contact information are current within the M-DCPS system.
- We are no longer accepting incoming 11th or 12th grade applications. All upcoming 11th and 12th grade inquiries should contact each school directly after April 15 (Off-Cycle) regarding program space availability.

By submitting an online application, I acknowledge my understanding of the following conditions for this application:

- **THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS JANUARY 15.**
- Failure to complete all requested information may cause this application to be rejected.
- Additional information may be required by individual schools and must be submitted to those schools by the application deadline as part of the application process.
- Eligibility may be determined by such factors as skill, talent, academic performance, conduct, and interest.
- Preference is given to eligible applicants with siblings currently attending and who will be in attendance at the same magnet school during the school year for which the student is applying.
- Siblings will be accepted based upon the availability of open seats in the grade level for which the student is applying. Sibling preference does not apply to students applying for Visual & Performing Arts programs.
- When the number of eligible student applicants, other than Visual & Performing Arts, exceeds the number of seats available, a random selection process will be utilized to admit eligible applicants.
- Any required testing or auditions must be scheduled prior to January 15.
- Failure to respond to an offer of acceptance by the specified deadline will be interpreted as a parent/guardian decline of program acceptance.
- Applications received from October 1, through January 15, will be eligible for consideration for enrollment in the upcoming school year.
- Applications DO NOT guarantee placement.

I, hereby, give permission for my child to be evaluated for admission to the selected magnet program(s) designated in this application. If accepted, he/she will be enrolled as a full-time student at the school of acceptance. Transportation availability is limited and may not be available to all students. My child must demonstrate acceptable performance (as determined by school-site policy) in order to remain in the magnet program.

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.

Quick Guide for Eligibility Rules

IB @ North Miami Senior High (Senior High Only—grades 9-12)

- A minimum of 2.5 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.
- May require that Physical Science Honors and Algebra I Honors be completed and received credit before the 2019-20 school year begins.
- No teacher recommendation needed to apply.
- 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 theme courses.

Magnet Application Results Information

At this point you should have received a letter and/or e-mail stating the lottery/audition results for your child(ren). The letters may take a few days in the mail but if you have not received any form of notification by Monday, March 19, 2019, please contact the schools directly.

[Click here to download our Magnet Schools directory listing.](#)

If Accepted:

Log back into the Magnet application system to accept your chosen school. **Please note, once a school/program is selected, the other schools to which the student was accepted will be automatically declined.** Once declined, a school/program will no longer be available for selection. Students will remain on the random selection list for the schools to which they are currently wait-listed.

If Important Notes for Accepted Students:

- *After accepting the seat on-line, parents must contact the accepted school directly for registration/enrollment deadlines and individual school forms and/or information.*
- *Failure to comply with school/program requirements in a timely manner could result in forfeiting your seat.*
- *Acceptance is provisional and contingent on meeting and maintaining entrance eligibility requirements for the remainder of the current school year.*
- *Parents must accept by the deadline date of **April 6th, 2018** or the seat will be forfeited and go to the next student on the waiting list.*
- *Accepted students must be enrolled as full-time students in the accepted Magnet school/program.*
- *Parents must contact schools directly to inquire about transportation availability.*

If Wait Listed:

Students will be selected from the random selection wait-list as seats become available, and will be notified electronically. Placement status is also available by contacting the school(s) directly or checking your account in the Magnet Application System. You may change acceptance to a preferred program only if your child's status changes from Wait-Listed to Accepted. The wait-lists for schools may change daily from now until December 31, 2018.

If Not Accepted:

The student did not meet entrance requirements. Any inquiries must be made directly to the individual school(s).

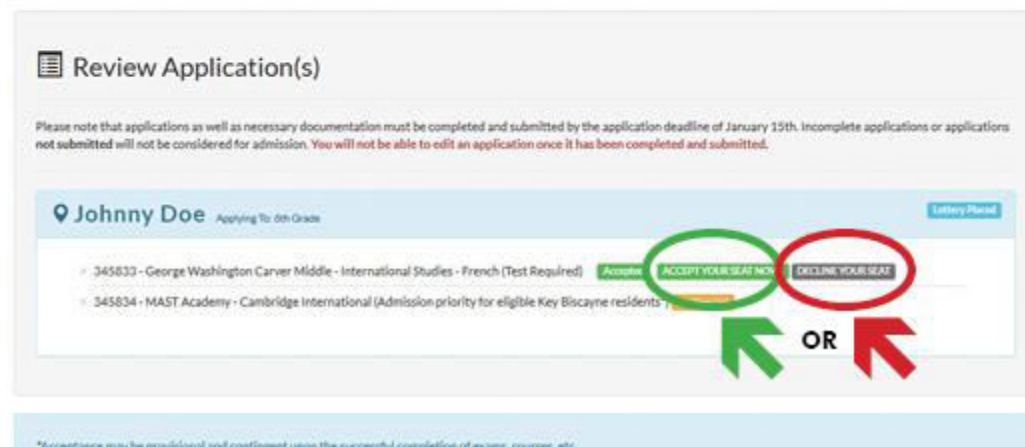
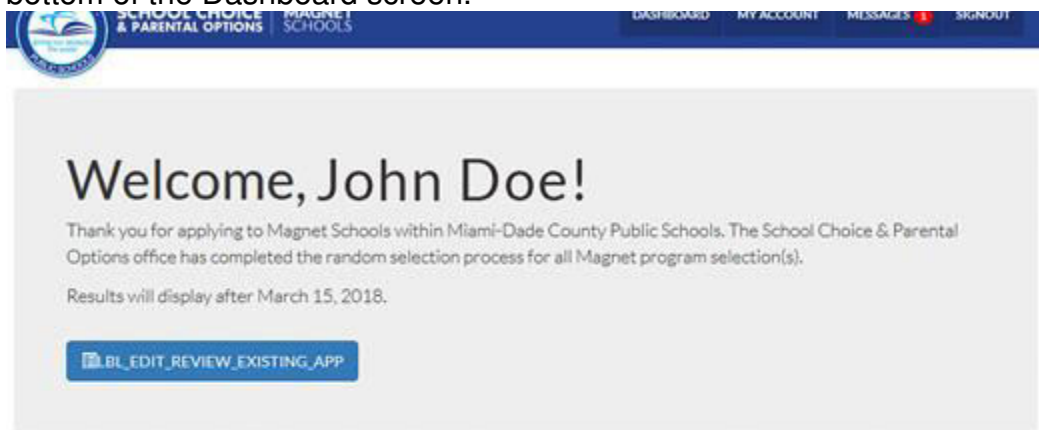
Not Accepted result(s) may include Visual & Performing Arts students who were not selected or did not schedule or attend an audition. Parents were responsible to contact school(s) for auditions.

How to Accept your Seat

If you submitted a paper application and do not have log in credentials, you must visit the school to which to wish to accept in person. Only Parent/Legal Guardian(s) with a valid ID can accept a seat at the selected school.

If your child received an acceptance and you wish to accept the seat, you may do so online or by visiting the school directly. In order to accept online, you must log into the

Magnet Online Application system the same way you used to apply (Parent Portal or Directly to site) by using the following link <https://miamimagnetapplication.com/>. Once you log in, you may view the results for all Magnet schools applied to at the bottom of the Dashboard screen.



You will see an option to Accept or Decline the Magnet programs for which your child was accepted to. Any option you chose is final and cannot be undone. Once you have selected a school, you must contact the school to complete the enrolment process. Failure to complete the registration process within the school's timeline will forfeit the seat.