

Frequently Asked Questions

What are magnet schools?

Magnets are schools of choice for students in grades 1-6, which offer expanded educational opportunities for students in the Jonesboro School District. The schools are built around specialized themes and offer in-depth experience and study in specific areas. Themes are integrated into classes, academic subjects and activities. Magnets enhance the educational environment by attracting students according to their interests.

Do the magnets follow the common core curriculum?

Yes. The basic curriculum for all Jonesboro Elementary schools is designed around the common core standards. These expectations are identical in all Jonesboro schools.

If I have more than one child, can they all attend the same school? Can they attend different schools?

Yes. When registering, sibling preference will be given if space is available. A brother or sister must currently be attending and will still be attending the school to which the applicant is applying. The siblings must also reside in the same household. Parents can also select to send their students to different schools based on the preference of each child.

If my child is not happy with his/her choice, can we change schools?

Students will be given the opportunity in the spring of each year to either commit to staying at their present school or making application to a new school. Transfers are granted based on availability and on a first come; first serve basis. Once a student has begun the year, he/she will need to complete that school year at the assigned school.

Who can attend a magnet school?

Any student (1st-6th grade) residing in the Jonesboro District is eligible to attend a magnet school. Students outside the Jonesboro District may apply to attend a magnet school by completing legal transfer papers or a Freedom of Choice application, pending school board approval.

Can my child ride a bus to school?

Transportation is provided to any student that lives outside of one mile from the school they attend.

What is a magnet school preview night?

Preview nights occur each year prior to magnet registration. A preview night is an opportunity for interested parents & students to tour the schools meet the faculty & staff and experience the “theme” of the schools. The evening is filled with fun activities for children so please bring them with you! This is a great opportunity to decide which magnet is the best fit for your child.

Where do I get a magnet application?

Magnet applications are available for download from the JPS website (www.jonesboroschools.net) or you may pick up from any elementary magnet school, the Jonesboro Kindergarten Center and the JPS Administration building.

When do I apply for a magnet school?

Magnet registration is scheduled in the spring.. The date is announced in January of each school year. Information letters are sent home with all JPS elementary students detailing date and time of preview nights and magnet registration.

How do I apply for a magnet school?

Complete the magnet school registration form and submit to the Administration Building, 2506 Southwest Square, on the official registration date. Early applications will not be accepted. All applications will be entered on a first come; first serve basis, in the order in which they are received, beginning on the official registration date. No fax, mail or email applications will be accepted on the first day of registration. Applications received in this manner will be placed after all other applications are received. Student placement will be determined by date and time application is received in the administration building.

How will I be notified about magnet placement?

Notification letters of placement will be mailed in May to the address on file with Jonesboro Public Schools.

What if my child was not placed in the first choice magnet school?

Not every grade/school has availability during open registration. The parent may call the magnet office 933-5800 ext. 12253 and request to be added to the waiting list. The waiting list is compiled on a first come; first serve basis. The waiting list will remain active for the first nine weeks of school.

How will I be notified if a seat becomes available?

The parent/guardian will be called on the phone number provided on the waiting list if/when a seat becomes available. The waiting list will be discontinued after the first nine weeks of school. After this date, if the student has been unable to transfer, he/she will need to complete the school year in the assigned school.

I am new to Jonesboro. How do I register my student in an elementary magnet school?

Parents/legal guardians residing in the Jonesboro School District with students in 1st-6th grade should bring proof of address to the JPS Administration Building and complete a magnet application. A placement letter will be issued with the remainder of the registration process to be completed at the assigned school.

What documents are accepted for proof of address/residency?

*Current electric, gas or cable bill. Bill must be dated for the month in which student is registering.

*Lease/Rental Agreement

*Mortgage Statement

Document must be in the name of parent/legal guardian enrolling the student. Photo ID required.

If residing in the home of friends or family, the head of household must present their proof of address with a photo ID and complete an address verification form to be notarized in the JPS Central Office.

What additional documents are needed at the assigned school?

*Proof of Address

*Birth Certificate

*Social Security Card

*Immunization records (up to date)

*Name and address of last school attended

Please refer magnet school related questions to Andrea McKinney, Magnet School Coordinator, at (870)933-5800 ext. 12253.