



**JEFFERSON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
2014-2015 MAGNET SCHOOL/PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (“FAQ”)

(Please read all questions and answers before filling out the application.)

| Jefferson Parish Public Schools – Magnet Schools/Magnet Programs | | | |
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| IBO Schools | Arts Integration | Montessori | Immersion |
| Marrero Middle (WB 6 th -8 th) | Lincoln (WB-K-5 th) | Collins (WB-K-5th) | Boudreaux (WB–Spanish - K-5th) |
| Riverdale Middle (EB 6 th -8 th) | Clancy (EB-K- 5 th) | Washington (EB-K-5th) | Ellis (EB – French – K-5th) |
| Riverdale High (EB-9 th -11 th) | | | Ellis (EB – Spanish – K-5th) |
| Ehret High (WB-9 th -11 th) | | | |

1. WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?

Starting January 23, 2014, parents can obtain the Magnet School/Program Application and Transfer Form from the following locations: JPPSS website, jpschools.org, each magnet school’s website, the Compliance Office, 501 Manhattan Blvd., Suite 1100, Harvey, (504) 365-5312 from 8:30-4:00, or at the magnet school site from 9:00-2:00 (beginning January 24, 2014).

Parents must hand deliver completed forms to the magnet school to which they are requesting enrollment between January 24, 2014 and June 3, 2014.

2. Is there another form in addition to the application that must be completed?

Yes, a transfer form must accompany the application in order to remain in compliance with the *Final Settlement Agreement*.

3. If my child is currently enrolled in a Magnet School/Magnet Program, does s/he need to reapply for the same Magnet School/Magnet Program each year?

No, once a student is accepted into a Magnet School/Magnet Program and remains in good standing in that program (as described in #4 of FAQ) s/he need not reapply while remaining in that school’s program. However, new applications and transfer requests must be submitted at each new organizational level magnet school (middle school and again at high school).

4. ARE THERE ANY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS?

- **To be eligible for a Magnet Transfer to the IB Middle Years Program at Riverdale Middle and Marrero Middle:**
 - a. Students must maintain an unweighted 2.0 GPA in all coursework attempted.
 - b. The principals will contact parents regarding an appointment to determine commitment to this challenging program, and will subsequently approve or deny request.

- **To be eligible for a Magnet Transfer to an IBO high school:**
 - a. Student must have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 in core subjects* in the year prior to admission.
 - b. The principals will contact parents regarding an appointment to determine commitment to this challenging program, and will subsequently approve or deny request.

- **To remain in both the Middle and High school IBO programs for the following year, a student must:**
 - a. maintain an unweighted 2.0 average in all coursework attempted.
 - b. enroll in and successfully complete at least two honors, AP, or IBO courses per semester.

- **To be eligible for a Magnet Transfer to the French or Spanish Immersion program for grades K-5:**
 - a. Parent(s) must show documentation that their child has previously been enrolled in a French or Spanish Immersion program (students entering grades 2-5).
 - b. Students entering grades 2-5 must have at least a 2.0 GPA in core subjects . *

- **To be eligible for a Magnet Transfer to Collins Montessori or Washington Montessori for grades K-5:**
 - a. Parent(s) must show documentation that their child has previously been successfully enrolled in a Montessori program.
 - b. Students entering grades 2-5 must have at least a 2.0 GPA in core subjects . *

- **To be eligible for a Magnet Transfer to the Arts Integration Program for grades K-5:**
 - a. Students entering grades 2-5 must have at least a 2.0 GPA in core subjects . *

* Core Subjects – English, reading, math, science, and social studies

5. WILL TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED?

- JPPSS shall provide transportation for magnet school students to the magnet school in their attendance zone.
- Transportation hubs, instead of traditional bus stops, have been created to maximize the efficiency of the route, student time on the bus and the school's bell times since the student's magnet attendance district is larger than a traditional school attendance zone.

6. WHEN WILL DECISION NOTIFICATIONS BE SENT?

Decision notifications will be made from the Compliance Office within 3-5 days of receipt of the application and transfer form from the school principal.

7. IF ACCEPTED, HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR A MAGNET SCHOOL?

If your child is accepted into a magnet school, you will receive an admissions letter which will include the date, time and location of registration. Failure to return this letter committing to attendance at this school, and/or failure to attend the registration process at the school site will result in your child losing his/her place at the school.

8. ARE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THEIR SENIOR YEAR?

Applications are **not** accepted for students who will be entering their senior year. It is policy that a student be enrolled in our magnet high schools for at least two years (four semesters) before receiving a diploma from one of our magnet high schools.