

MAGNET SCHOOL INFORMATION

November 13, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Applications for all of the magnet schools within the Bibb County School District will be available online on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Magnet schools within the Bibb County School District are focused on academic achievement and excellence in their magnet program areas. The magnet schools in the District consist of Alexander II Math & Science Magnet School (grades K-5), Burdell-Hunt Communications Magnet School (grades K-5), Dr. John H. Heard Elementary School, Academic Magnet (grades K-5), Vineville Academy of the Arts (grades K-5), Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School (grades 6-8), and Central Fine Arts & International Baccalaureate Magnet High School (grades 9-12). The electronic application may be accessed through the Bibb County School District's website: <https://www.bcsdk12.net>. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be accepted through December 10, 2019. If your child is currently enrolled in any magnet school, they must apply and be accepted through the selection process in order to attend any other magnet school. If your child is currently enrolled in any Pre-K program they must apply and be accepted in order to attend any magnet school. School bus transportation, as accessed through shuttle bus stops, will be available for students who apply and are accepted to attend Burdell-Hunt Communications Magnet School, Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School, and Central Fine Arts & International Baccalaureate Magnet High School. Transportation is not provided for students who are selected to attend other magnet schools outside the zone assigned to their place of residence. It is the hope of the Bibb County School District to provide school bus transportation in the future for students accepted through the selection process to attend other magnet schools.

Acceptance into any elementary magnet school and Fine Arts program is based on application and a successful interview. Consideration at an elementary or middle magnet school is first based on random lottery selection to determine the order students will be interviewed. Students wait-listed at the elementary and middle magnet schools will automatically be placed on a waiting list and contacted if slots become available. Acceptance into the Fine Arts programs at Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School and Central Fine Arts & International Baccalaureate Magnet High School is also based on a successful audition. In addition to an application, an essay will also be required for consideration of acceptance into Central's International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. It is important that you visit Central's website (<https://central.bcsdk12.net>) for specific requirements regarding the magnet interview, audition, and IB essay that must be completed during the application process. An open house will be held at each magnet school before the application deadline according to the following schedule:

**Alexander II Math & Science Magnet School – 1156 College Street, Macon, GA 31201 – (478) 779-2700
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – 9-10:30 AM & 5:30-7 PM**

**Burdell-Hunt Communications Magnet School – 972 Fort Hill Street, Macon, GA 31217 – (478) 779-2950
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – 9-11 AM & 5-7 PM**

**Dr. John H. Heard Elementary School, Academic Magnet – 6515 Houston Road, Macon, GA 31216 – (478) 779-4250
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 – 9-10:30 AM & 5:30-7 PM**

**Vineville Academy of the Arts – 2260 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA 31204 – (478) 779-3250
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – 9-10:30 AM & 5:30-7 PM**

**Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School – 751 Hendley Street, Macon, GA 31204 – (478) 779-4050
Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

**Central Fine Arts & International Baccalaureate Magnet High School – 2155 Napier Avenue, Macon, GA 31204 – (478) 779-2300
Monday, November 18, 2019 – 6 PM**

Required interviews, auditions, and essays for consideration of acceptance at any magnet school will take place according to schedules as identified by the schools from February 1-15, 2020. A parent/guardian of each magnet school applicant will be notified regarding their child's lottery/interview status by January 25, 2020. The last day for parents to notify a magnet school of acceptance of a slot based on the successful results of an interview and/or audition/essay is March 2, 2020.

For questions about magnet school applications or if you need access to an application, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Fine Arts & Magnet Programs at (478) 765-8595. Each elementary and middle magnet school will also be open each day school is in session between November 13, 2019 and December 10, 2019 from 10:00 AM until 2:45 PM for any parent/guardian needing assistance or access to a computer to complete the online application. You may also call Central at (478) 779-2300 for an appointment for assistance or access to a computer.

Thank you for your interest in the magnet schools within the Bibb County School District.

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