Q: What if my student is on block scheduling and won't take all four required courses until the second semester?

A: Eligibility for magnet programs is based on grades from the four core courses in the previous school year and the first semester of the current year. If a student is not enrolled in one of these courses during the first semester, we cannot determine eligibility, and the application will be incomplete.

Q: My student goes to an MPS school. Do they need to take a test for the magnet application?

A: All current students will take the required assessments at their zoned school. Their scores will be uploaded to the magnet portal.

Q: My student goes to an MPS school. Do I need to do a transcript request?

A: No. All of the student grades from PowerSchool will be uploaded to the magnet portal. If you are a new student to MPS, please make sure that the school has recorded your grades from your previous school.

Q: Which handbook should I use to determine if my student meets the eligibility requirements for the current year?

A: A new handbook is released each January. This handbook outlines the eligibility requirements for both new applicants for the upcoming school year and current magnet students seeking to return.

Q: I don't live in Montgomery yet. Can I still apply?

A: Yes. Anyone can apply for the magnet lottery. However, you must enroll and provide proof that you live in Montgomery County before the first day of school.

Q: Are transcripts required for everyone?

A: Transcripts are only required for students in grades 3-12 who do not currently attend an MPS school.

Q: I am homeschooling my child. Will they be eligible to apply for your magnet programs?

A: Yes, homeschooled students are eligible to apply for our magnet programs.

- Applicants for grades K-2 must take an assessment, and eligibility will be determined based on their scores.

- Applicants for grades 3-12 must take an assessment to validate their core course grades. This is a pass/fail assessment; if the student does not pass, their GPA cannot be validated, and their application will be considered incomplete.

Q: If I have a student in a magnet program, is his/her sibling automatically accepted into the same school?

A: No. Each student must apply and meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for the random selection process.

Q: How do I change magnet programs/feeder patterns?

A: Students currently enrolled in a magnet program must apply during the current lottery cycle if they want to be considered for placement in a magnet school in a different feeder pattern.

Q: If my child is currently enrolled in a magnet program, do they need to reapply?

A: No. Current magnet students do not need to re-apply in order to remain in their current program. However, magnet students must meet the criteria to remain in the program each year.

Q: Will I have to register my student at the magnet school after I am accepted into the program?

A: Yes. You must register at the school if you accept an offered seat. You will be provided with registration information and deadlines shortly after the acceptance. All students must meet the registration deadline to guarantee a spot in the program.

Q: Will transportation be provided if my child is accepted into the magnet program?

A: Yes. Transportation will be provided using the bus hub concept. Hubs will be determined by school zones. You may contact our transportation department by email at transportationinformation@mps.k12.al.us or by phone at 334-284-2085.