



Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School (HHA)

Frequently Asked Questions



What is Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School?

Howe Hall AIMS is a public magnet school in the Berkeley County School District. Our mission is to provide dynamic learning with quality arts experiences as an essential component of the curriculum to optimize student achievement and develop creative lifelong learners. In addition to the core academic subjects, the HHA philosophy includes standards-based instruction in dance, theatre, music, visual art, and physical education. Students will have the opportunity to experience the arts through co-taught infusion lessons, exploratory classes, and arts integration in their core subjects.

What grades does AIMS serve and how many students are in each grade?

HHA serves 417 Kindergarten through 5th grade students. There are 48 Kindergarten students, 72 1st grade students, 72 2nd grade students, and there are 75 students per grade level in 3rd through 5th grade.

What are the class sizes?

Kindergarten – Two classes of 24 students each

First Grade – Four classes of 18 students each

Second Grade – Three classes of 24 students each

Third - Fifth Grade – Three classes per grade level of 25 students each

What are the hours of the school day?

Our school hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. each day. Arrival begins at 7:15 AM.

Are there audition requirements or portfolio submissions needed for admission to HHA?

There are neither performance auditions or work samples required for acceptance into HHA nor does your child need to be gifted in the arts.

Is bus transportation provided to students?

Transportation is not provided to HHA students. Parents and guardians are responsible for their student's transportation to and from school.

Do you have before and after school care?

Yes, before and after school care, HHA Chameleon Care, is available for students. There is a fee for these services. The costs are in accordance with established BCSD rates.

Will I be notified when my application is received?

You will receive a phone call to confirm the receipt of your application. Additionally, you will receive a letter with your student's lottery number in early March/late February prior to the lottery.

Do I need to apply again if I previously submitted an application for the lottery?

Applications are only valid for the upcoming school year. A new application for the lottery is required every year if your child has not been selected and enrolled at HHA.

Why do applications have to be mailed?

All applications must be mailed in order to verify that they were postmarked on or before the February 13, 2026 deadline.

When and where is the lottery?

The initial lottery will be conducted on Tuesday, March 31st, at 6:00 PM at Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School.

Do I need to be present?

No, you do not need to be present at the lottery.

How will I be notified about the results of the lottery?

Results are posted on the school website and are available in the school's office. Selected students will also receive a call upon their selection in the lottery.

What do we do if our address changes after we send our application?

Residency is verified and must be consistent with the address on the initial application. Inconsistent and falsified applications are considered null and void. Please contact the principal if your address changes prior to the lottery in order to be assigned to the correct zone.

What do we do if our child has multiple residences due to shared custody?

If a child has multiple residences due to shared custody, the residency of the primary custodial parent should be used to determine the zone.

If my child is not selected in the initial lottery are there any other chances to get in?

If additional seats become available due to student withdrawals over the summer, supplemental lotteries will be conducted throughout the summer as needed.

If my child is selected, do their siblings also receive spaces?

If a student is selected in the lottery, then all siblings who reside in the same home will be given the opportunity to enroll, if seats are available. If seats are not available, then the siblings will be added to a sibling wait list.

What constitutes a "sibling" for the purposes of the lottery and enrollment?

Siblings are defined as two or more students who share a common biological parent or adoptive parent **and** live in the same residence at least 50% of the time.
(*Proof of guardianship and residency may be required for verification of sibling status.*)

Are there Special Education programs at HHA?

HHA offers Special Education services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Upon selection prior to enrollment, a Multidisciplinary Team will meet to review the student's programming needs and program capacity. BCSD adheres to state special education program capacity guidelines. Once a student is enrolled for HHA, all district transportation rules apply and the student is no longer eligible to receive district transportation, Special Needs Transportation to and from school. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to HHA. Please note, just like all other BCSD schools, not all Special Education programs are available at HHA.

Are school tours available?

Due to the high demand, individual tours are not offered. All students (and Parents / Guardians) selected in the initial lottery will be invited to Kick off to Kindergarten or Camp Chameleon (new student orientation grades 1-5). More information will be provided for selected families after the lottery selection.

Please feel free to contact the school at (843) 820-3899 if you have additional questions.