



# SLPS Magnet Schools Update

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# Updates for 2025-2026



- ⌘ Carnahan Middle expands to having 8<sup>th</sup> grade applicants for submission
- ⌘ Application Opening Date of Tuesday October 1, 2024
- ⌘ Lottery Applicant Deadline of Friday, November 8, 2024



# Application Submission

- ⌘ Applicants limited to 2 choices
  - ⌘ Exception: Gifted Elementary may submit up to 4 choices depending upon grade level
- ⌘ Submission via online (highly preferred) or paper submission
- ⌘ 2023-2024
  - ⌘ 10,356 Total Representing 6428 Students
    - ⌘ 899 Paper
    - ⌘ 4163 Students Offered
- ⌘ 2024-2025
  - ⌘ 10,123 Total Representing 6483 Students
    - ⌘ 1184 Paper
    - ⌘ 4132 Students Offered
- ⌘ 2025-2026: 10/1/24 through 10/07/24
  - ⌘ TBD Total
  - ⌘ TBD Paper

<https://www.slps.org/Domain/16872>

<https://slpsmagnetschools.schoolmint.com/login>



# Applicant Certification

## ☒ All Submitted Applicants Checked For:

### ☒ Residency using Zip Code

#### ☒ Exceptions

- ☒ Current SLPS enrolled Voluntary Interdistrict Coordinating Council (VICC) transfer students residing in participating St. Louis County Districts
- ☒ SLPS employee children

### ☒ School and District

#### ☒ Establishes Placement Priority in Lottery

- ☒ 7 Priorities
- ☒ After Lottery deadline, applicants processed first come-first served with no priorities



# Lottery Priorities

1: Direct Continuity

2: Indirect Continuity

3: Sibling

4: Neighborhood

5: Currently enrolled in SLPS school

⌘ Exception: City resident PK3 applicants and PK4, KG applicants not enrolled in any school

6: Not enrolled in SLPS school

7: Currently enrolled in SLPS Magnet School

Applicants are assigned one priority and that priority is the highest they qualify for.

<https://www.slps.org/Page/76479>



# Applicant Eligibility: Criteria Schools

## ☒ Schools With Criteria Include:

### ☒ All SLPS Magnet High Schools

- ☒ Gateway STEM
- ☒ Soldan International Studies
- ☒ Metro Academic & Classical
- ☒ Central Visual & Performing Arts
- ☒ McKinley Classical Leadership Academy
- ☒ Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience
- ☒ Clyde C. Miller Career Academy

### ☒ Gifted Program Schools

- ☒ Columbia Gifted Elementary (Hybrid Magnet Neighborhood) PK4- 5th
- ☒ Mallinckrodt Academy of Gifted Instruction PK4-5th
- ☒ Stix Gifted Classroom KG-2<sup>nd</sup>
- ☒ Wheeler Classical Junior Academy PK4-5<sup>th</sup>
- ☒ McKinley Classical Junior Academy Middle 6-8





## Applicant Eligibility: Criteria Schools

- ⌘ SLPS Magnet High Schools set and implement the individual school criteria
  - ⌘ All SLPS Magnet High School applicants must be determined eligible by the high school(s) requested prior to going through lottery, and prior to being offered a placement
- ⌘ Gifted Program applicant criteria is set by the SLPS Gifted Office per MoDESE guidelines
  - ⌘ All Gifted Program Applicants must be certified by the SLPS Gifted Offices prior to going through lottery, and prior to being offered placement



# Open Seats Determination

- ⌘ An enrollment target is set for each grade level at each school
- ⌘ The target is set using the midpoint of MoDESE Standard and Desired Standard Pupil Teacher Ratios
- ⌘ Based upon a five-year “capture” rate, the number of open seats is determined using the current enrollment and the matriculation cohort for each grade level
- ⌘ Staffing levels are taken into consideration when accepting students mid-year

Grades	Standard	Desirable Standard
K-2	25	17
3-4	27	20
5-6	30	22
7-12	33	25





# Placement Offers

- ⌘ After the Lottery, Parent Dashboard is updated, emails and texts go out informing parents
  - ⌘ Offered Placement
  - ⌘ On Wait Lists
- ⌘ Procedures For Placement Offers and Wait Lists
  - ⌘ Applicants may not remain on the wait list for a school requested if offered placement to another school requested, even if not the first choice
  - ⌘ Parent must decline seat offered in writing to submit application for potential placement to another school desired
  - ⌘ The default practice of the District is a requested Magnet school where the child is offered placement, is the assigned school until the seat offered is declined in writing.



# Database Update

- ⌘ All applicants offered placement are assigned in the district Student Information System (Tyler SIS)
  - ⌘ This requires Identification Number creation, and school assignment update
  - ⌘ The placement and assignment process was completed manually to over four thousand students in the current 2024-2025 school year.
  - ⌘ With Focus School software implementation in the 2025-2026 school year, subsequent application, placement and school assignment processes are to be completed within one system. It is anticipated this will remove the manual ID# creation and assignment processes, eliminating the largest portion of the data processing effort associated with Magnet Schools.

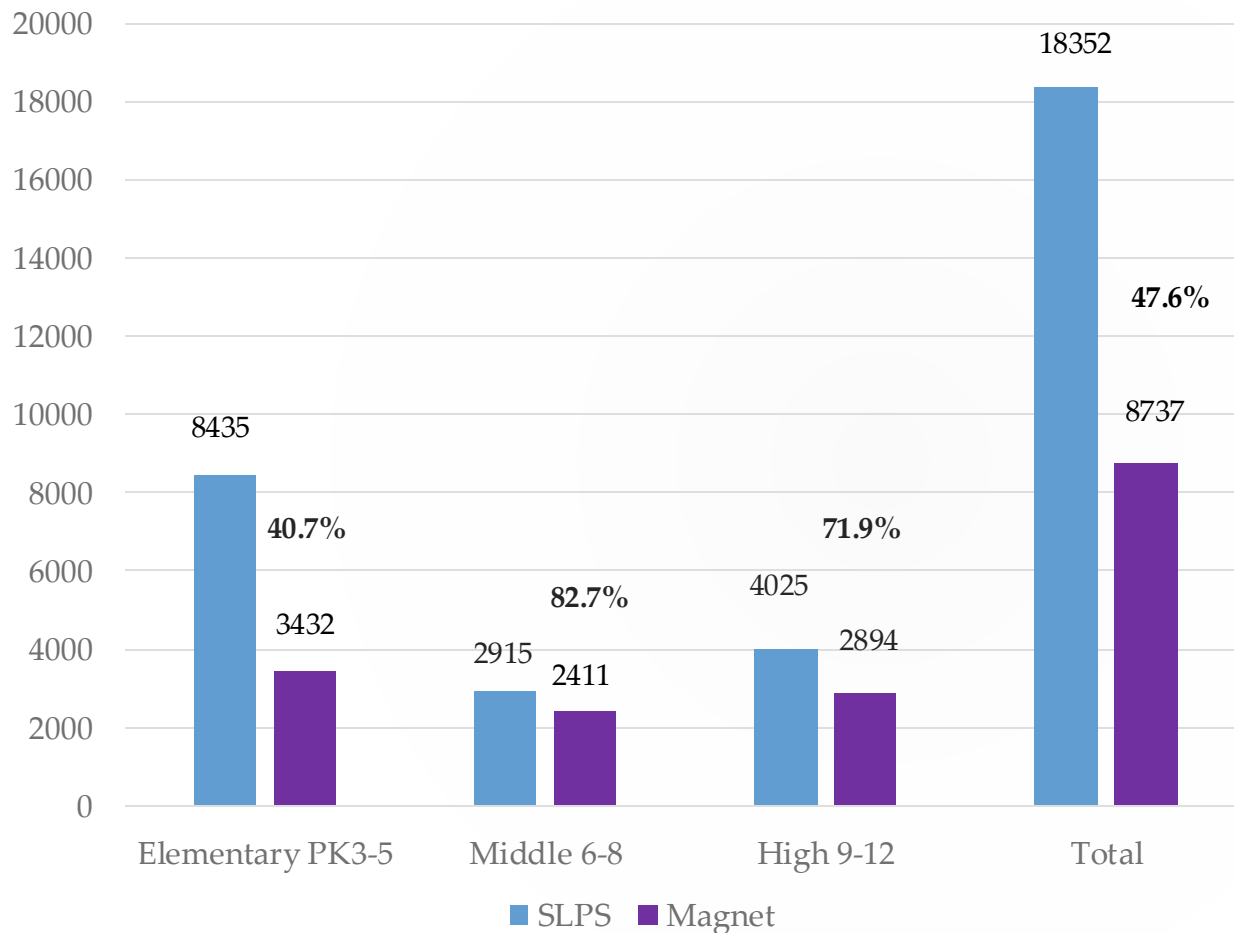


# Magnet Schools Enrollment

- ⌘ SLPS Magnet Schools make up 28 programs operating in 26 sites
- ⌘ 2 Programs Occupying 1 Site Include:
  - ⌘ Stix Early Childhood Center & Stix Gifted and McKinley CJA Middle & CLA High



# Magnet Schools Enrollment as %age of District Enrollment as of 9/30/2024





# Questions