



SLPS Magnet Schools Selection Process

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A Brief History

- **1975:** Magnet Schools commence in SLPS through a Federal Grant
- **1983:** Magnet Schools expand as District is under Federal Court supervision to implement Area-Wide Voluntary Schools Desegregation plan
- **1992:** Magnet Schools expand again with 1992 Federal Court directive
 - Lottery and lottery placement policies begin
- **1999:** Desegregation Settlement Agreement
- **2009:** Desegregation Settlement Agreement expires
- **2024-2025 School Year:** Phase out of Area-Wide Voluntary Schools Desegregation Program complete for any new transfer students



Application Submission

- Applicants limited to 2 choices
 - Exception: Gifted Elementary may submit up to 4 choices depending upon grade level
- Submission via online or paper submission
- 2022-2023
 - 7,153 Total
 - 1353 Paper
- 2023-2024
 - 10,356 Total
 - 899 Paper
- 2024-2025 to 10/22/23
 - 2,894 Total
 - 12 Paper

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

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



Applicant Certification

- All Submitted Applicants Checked For:
 - Residency using Zip Code
 - Exceptions
 - Currently 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-2nd
 - Wheeler Classical Junior Academy PK4-5th
 - McKinley Classical Junior Academy Middle 6-8



Applicant Eligibility: Criteria Schools

- SLPS Magnet High Schools with criteria, set and implement the 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 applicants 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 updated in SIS
 - This requires Identification Number creation, and school assignment update
 - This process was/is completed manually to over four thousand students in the current 2023-2024 school year.



Questions