

All
Applications
due Thursday,
March 7, 2019
by 4 pm.



West Hartford, Connecticut

Magnet School Application Information

Information for all applicants...

- ◆ Magnet school admission is available only to students who are currently enrolled in the West Hartford Public Schools or are residents of West Hartford. If admitted into a magnet school you will need to demonstrate West Hartford residency before the magnet slot can be awarded to your child.
- ◆ An application form must be completed for **each** child seeking admission.
- ◆ The application **must be filled out on-line at magnetschools.whps.org**. If you need assistance filling the form out, please call or visit the Residency Office in Room 134 at Town Hall, phone 860-561-6620.

- ◆ **Magnet school applications must be entered on-line by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019.**

Magnet Schools in West Hartford:



64 St. James Street, West Hartford, CT 06119



Magnet Schools Q & A

Question #1: Can a student apply to both magnet schools?

- No. You may apply to one magnet school.

Question #2: What are the criteria for selecting the magnet students?

- Students are selected for admission into the magnet schools by lottery.

Question #3: If a child is selected for his/her school of choice, will siblings who are also applying during the same school year be accepted automatically?

- No. Siblings will not be automatically accepted, rather, they will be accepted on a space available basis for their respective grade levels.

Question #4: When will I find out the results of the lottery?

- Lottery results will be mailed to parents on March 21, 2019.
- Parents have until March 28, 2019 to establish residency and accept the placement.
- For those students not accepted in the lottery process, they will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified of that placement in the March 21, 2019 mailing.

Question #5: If my child is not selected in the lottery, how does the waiting list work?

- The number of vacancies for the magnet lottery is based on projections of student enrollments in the following school year. For those students not selected for admission, the lottery will create an ordered waiting list at each school. We will carefully review the number of magnet openings at each school in late June and again just before school opens in late August. We will then determine if there are any additional vacancies at the schools. We will fill these vacancies, if any, from the waiting list established by the lottery at each school.

Question #6: Will transportation be provided to magnet school students?

- Yes. Transportation will be provided to magnet students who live more than one mile from the magnet school according to standard district policy.



TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR CHILD'S MAGNET SCHOOL APPLICATION

1. Read through the materials included in this application packet. Considerable care and planning have gone into devising clear and equitable procedures for the selection of students in a manner that is consistent with the magnet school admissions criteria adopted by the West Hartford Board of Education. The magnet brochure explains some of parents' most frequently asked questions about selection criteria and other procedures related to the application process.
2. If you have not already done so, you may want to visit the magnet schools before deciding to apply. In fact, we encourage you to do so! To arrange a visit, simply call the principal and set a mutually convenient time. Mr. Juan Melián, principal of

Charter Oak International Academy, can be reached at 860-233-8506 and Ms. Teresa Giolito, principal of Florence E. Smith STEM School of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math, can be contacted at 860-236-3315. Both principals are eager to show you their schools and share their exciting programs.

3. Please make certain that your on-line application, at magnetschools.whps.org is completed on time. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019. Early applications are appreciated, but the order in which they are received will not affect the selection process.