



2020-2021 High Achievers Magnet Program

Eligibility and Continuation Guidelines

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- **Elementary School Program Eligibility:** All applicants for the High Achievers Magnet Program must have a fall 3.0 (or higher) grade point average (GPA) in the core subjects. DeKalb students rising to grades 4 - 6 must also earn a 75th percentile (or higher) total reading score, 75th percentile (or higher) total math score on the baseline M.A.P. assessment taken in the school year 2019-2020. All students not enrolled in a DeKalb County School District school must also earn a 75th percentile (or higher) total reading score, 75th percentile (or higher) total math score on the baseline M.A.P. assessment taken in the school year 2019-2020.
- **Elementary School Program Continuation Guidelines:** Elementary students enrolled in the magnet program for high achievers must maintain a 3.0 (or higher) grade point average (GPA) in the core subjects throughout the program each year. Students who do not maintain the academic performance criteria are placed on probation for one semester. Support plans will be provided to any student who has a GPA below the academic performance criteria throughout the probationary period. Parents are required to attend all conferences. Students who do not have a 3.0 GPA after two consecutive grading periods or two semesters, must exit the magnet program and enroll at their home school. If a student does not meet promotion criteria during any term of the school year, the student will immediately be withdrawn from the magnet program and returned to the home school.
- **Middle and High School Program Eligibility:** All applicants for the High Achievers Magnet Program must have a fall semester 3.0 (or higher) grade point average (GPA) in the core subjects. DeKalb students rising to grades 7-9 must also earn a 75th percentile (or higher) total reading score, 75th percentile (or higher) total math score on the baseline M.A.P. assessment taken in the school year 2019-2020. All students not enrolled in a DeKalb County School District school must also earn a 75th percentile (or higher) total reading score, 75th percentile (or higher) total math score on the



baseline M.A.P. assessment taken in the school year 2019-2020. Students applying for the high school High Achievers Magnet Programs must also successfully complete grade level prerequisite courses.

- **Middle and High School Program Continuation Guidelines:** Middle and high school students enrolled in the magnet programs for high achievers must maintain an overall core grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, a numerical minimum grade of 71 in all core subjects, and meet the promotion criteria each semester. Students who do not maintain the academic performance criteria are placed on probation for one semester. Parents are required to attend all conferences. Support plans will be provided for any student who does not meet the academic performance criteria. Students who do not maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher, a minimum numerical grade of 71 in all core subjects, and do not meet the promotion criteria each semester for two consecutive semesters, must exit the magnet program and enroll at their home school. If a student does not meet promotion criteria during any term of the school year, the student will immediately be withdrawn from the magnet program and returned to the home school.
- **Lottery Eligibility Sibling Priority Guideline:** Only multiple birth siblings are linked for participation in the random student selection lottery process. Also, both siblings must satisfy the eligibility criteria to be eligible for the priority.
- **Note:** When a magnet program seat placement offer is declined by the applicant, the student will not be able to apply for placement in a magnet program until the next open enrollment.
- **Baseline M.A.P. scores** are taken from the first administration of the M.A.P. assessment for the 2019-2020 school year.



2020-21 Special Interest Magnet Program Eligibility and Continuation Guidelines

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- **Elementary School Program Eligibility:** Applicants for Special Interest Magnet Programs (i.e., math, science, performing arts, technology, etc.) must have a fall semester overall numerical average of 80 (3.0 GPA) in the core subjects. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten student applicants do not have to meet the eligibility criteria.
- **Elementary School Program Continuation Guidelines:** Elementary student enrolled in a Special Interest Magnet Program must maintain an overall numerical average of 80 (3.0 GPA) in the core subjects throughout the academic year. Students who do not maintain the academic performance criteria is placed on probation for one semester. Support plans will be provided for the students who have a GPA below 3.0 throughout the probationary period. Parents are required to attend all conferences. Students who do not maintain an overall numerical average of 80 (3.0 GPA) at the end of two consecutive grading periods or two semesters, must exit the magnet program and enroll at their home school. If a student does not meet promotion criteria during any term of the school year, the student will immediately be withdrawn from the magnet program and returned to the home school.
- **Middle and High School Program Eligibility:** All applicants must have a fall semester 3.0 or higher grade point average (GPA) in the core subjects.
- **Middle and High School Program Continuation Guidelines:** Middle and high school students enrolled in Special Interest Magnet Programs must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher, a numerical minimum grade of 71 in all core subjects, and meet the promotion criteria throughout the academic year. Students who do not maintain the academic performance criteria are placed on probation for one semester. Parents are required to attend all conferences. Support plans will be provided for any student who does not meet the academic performance criteria. Students who do not maintain an overall numerical core grade point average of 3.0, a numerical grade of 71 in all core subjects, and do not meet the promotion



criteria at the end of two consecutive grading periods, or two semesters, must exit the magnet program and enroll at their home school. If a student does not meet promotion criteria during any term of the school year, the student will immediately be withdrawn from the magnet program and returned to the home school. **Note:** Students enrolled in a Magnet Program must complete the required magnet or approved college level courses to earn magnet credit or the Magnet Program diploma seal.

- **DeKalb School of the Arts Program Continuation Guidelines (Grades 8 – 12):** All enrolled students must maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, a numerical minimum grade of 71 in all subjects, and meet the promotion criteria throughout the academic year. Students who do not maintain the academic performance criteria are placed on probation for one semester. Parents are required to attend all conferences. Support plans will be provided for any student who does not meet the academic performance criteria. Students who do not maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, a numerical minimum grade of 71 in all subjects, and do not meet the promotion criteria at the end of two consecutive grading periods or two semesters, must exit the magnet program and enroll at their home school. Students are also required to complete two performance credits each school year. If a student does not meet promotion criteria during any term of the school year, the student will immediately be withdrawn from the magnet program and returned to the home school.
- **Arabia Mountain High School Program Continuation Guidelines –** All enrolled students must wear the designated uniform daily, complete 20 hours of community service, maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, a minimum numerical grade of 71 in all subjects, and meet the promotion criteria throughout the academic year. Seniors must also complete a Science, technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) project specific to their major program of study. Students must participate in an academic competition and participate in student organizations and/or clubs. Parents must complete 10 parental involvement service hours each school year. Students who do not maintain the academic performance criteria are placed on probation for one semester. Parents are required to attend all conferences. Support plans will be provided for any student who does not meet the academic performance criteria. Students who do not maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, a minimum



numerical grade of 71 in all subjects and do not meet the promotion criteria at the end of two consecutive grading periods or two semesters, must exit the magnet program and enroll at their home school. Students are also required to complete two performance credits each school year. If a student does not meet promotion criteria during any term of the school year, the student will immediately be withdrawn from the magnet program and returned to the home school.

- **Lottery Eligibility Sibling Priority Guideline:** Only multiple birth siblings are linked for participation in the random student selection lottery process. This does not apply to applicants applying for a seat at
 - DeKalb Elementary School of Arts in grades 4-7.
 - DeKalb School of Arts (grades 8-12)
 - Arabia Mountain High School – Multiple birth siblings must apply for a seat in the same grade level and the same program in order to be eligible for the multiple birth sibling priority. Also, both siblings must satisfy the eligibility criteria to be eligible for the priority.

Note:

- When a magnet program seat placement offer is declined by the applicant, the student will not be able to apply for placement in a magnet program until the next open selection/lottery period (Spring 2021).
- Students enrolled in a Magnet Program must complete the required magnet or approved college level courses to earn magnet credit or the Magnet Program diploma seal.