

# Bridgeport Board of Education

## Elementary and High School Magnet Entrance & Performance Expectations Policy

The magnet schools encourage students to pursue academic excellence. Instruction is centered on specific themes: language arts, world language, science and project based learning. The magnet programs are rigorous and groom students for college. We expect our students to excel in academic study and demonstrate personal conduct appropriate to an academic learning environment.

The elementary magnet programs expect all of our students to be successful. However, in order to maintain academically high standards, students who do not meet our minimum academic and/or behavioral requirements will be reassigned from the magnet schools and returned to their district schools.

Bridgeport Public Magnet Schools are open to all students on an equal basis, including students with disabilities. A student with a disability retains all rights under IDEA in each of these schools. School personnel must ensure that a student's IEP and 504 Plan is implemented and all services are delivered.

### **Elementary Entrance Requirements**

- Pre-Kindergarten
  - Only Interdistrict Discovery Magnet has pre-K lottery
- Kindergarten – Grade 3
  - There are no criteria for entering Kindergarten through grade 3 in any magnet school
- Grades 4 through 8 at Classical Studies Academy, Geraldine Claytor Academy, High Horizons, Multicultural, and Park City must meet the following criteria:
  - Acceptance in the lottery
  - A final grade of C or better in core academic subjects
  - A conduct/effort grade of 1 or 2 across the report card
  - Student school attendance must be aligned with the BPS Attendance Policy
- Interdistrict Discovery Magnet School has an open lottery - there is no entrance criteria

### **Requirements for Continuing Enrollment in Elementary Magnet Programs other than *Interdistrict Discovery Magnet***

- To maintain enrollment, all students are expected to maintain a C average in core academic courses (Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies). When students are not meeting minimum academic standards during the academic year, an academic plan will be put in place to support a student's efforts to succeed.
- Students who fail two or more core academic courses for the year will be considered for retention and reassigned to their district school
- Students who violate the Code of Conduct with a Type three offense will be reassigned to their district school. A student who continuously violates the Code of Conduct, a referral

to student support services will be made by the building administration and a plan will be put in place to support a student's efforts to succeed before reassignment.

- The timing of reassignment to the district school, for any reason, will be determined on a case by case basis at a mandatory conference with student, parent and administration
- Prior to the close of marking period 2, all support interventions must be followed.

### **Requirements for Continuing Enrollment at *Interdistrict Discovery Magnet (Behavioral Only)***

- Students who violate the Code of Conduct with a Type three offense will be reassigned to their district school. A student who continuously violates the Code of Conduct, a referral to student support services will be made by the building administration and a plan will be put in place to support a student's efforts to succeed before reassignment.
- The timing of reassignment to the district school, for any reason, will be determined on a case by case basis at a mandatory conference with student, parent and administration
- Prior to the close of marking period 2, all support interventions must be followed.

### **Waiting List**

- Students on the lottery waiting list must apply each year to gain access to a magnet school
- Once a student accepts a seat at a magnet program, their name will be removed from all other magnet school waiting lists for the current school year

### **High School Entrance Requirements**

- Bridgeport Military Academy and Fairchild Wheeler Campus have an open lottery – there are no entrance criteria
- Bridgeport Military Academy - accepted students are required to attend and successfully complete summer *Orientation Camp*

### **Central Magnet**

The Central Magnet Component of Central High School is a highly rigorous, college preparatory program for students desiring a serious academic challenge. Central Magnet students will excel in academic study, demonstrate personal conduct appropriate to a learning environment, and enroll in college level classes while still in high school.

In order to maintain academically high standards, students who do not meet Central Magnet High School's minimum academic and behavioral requirements will be reassigned from the Central Magnet Component and return to their district school.

### **Entrance Requirements for Eighth Grade Students to Central Magnet**

- Be a Bridgeport resident
- Final grade of C + or better in core academic all subjects on grade 7 & 8 report cards
- Conduct/effort grade of 1.7 or less on the report card

- Student school attendance must be aligned with the BPS Attendance Policy
- State assessment average score or higher OR average scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in reading and math on the district benchmark assessment administered in grade 8

Please note

- All grade 8 students in TAG and in BPS magnet elementary schools (other than Interdistrict Discovery Magnet School) automatically enter Central Magnet if they have met the minimum entrance requirements stated above
- All grade 8 Interdistrict Discovery Magnet School students automatically enter Fairchild Wheeler Campus. Students must complete an on-line application.

All other eighth grade public, parochial and private elementary students must apply for entrance through the lottery. As part of the lottery screening process, the applicant must meet the minimum entrance requirements. The lottery places the qualified applicants in numbered positions on a wait list for entry. Admittance to Central Magnet is determined by the number of available seats and the next position of qualified applicants on the wait list. Students on the waiting list must apply each year to gain access the Central Magnet program.

### **Lottery criteria**

All magnet lotteries will be held in a public setting all parents of applicants will be notified of date and time.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for the lottery drawing:

- Be a Bridgeport resident
- Final grade of C + or better in core academic all subjects on grade 7 & 8 report cards
- Conduct/effort grade of 1.7 or less on the report card
- Student school attendance must be aligned with the BPS Attendance Policy
- State assessment average score or higher OR average scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in reading and math on the district benchmark assessment administered in grade 8.

### **Requirements for Continuing Enrollment in Central Magnet**

When students are not meeting our minimum academic standards during the academic year, all reasonable efforts are made to support student's efforts to succeed

- All ninth and tenth grade students must enroll in seven courses, which include five core academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies and a World Language) in addition to 4 years each of English, Math, Science, History and 3 years of the same World Language
- For the class of 2020 and beyond, all Central Magnet students must successfully complete 1 Advanced Placement or an ECE/dual enrollment course to earn a Central Magnet Diploma
- A minimum of 60 points must be carried in both the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades which include five core academic courses

- Students must adhere to the BPS Attendance Policy
- Students who fail one core academic subject for the year must make up that course in summer school
- Students who fail two core academic subjects for the year will be reassigned to their district school, whether or not they pass classes in summer school
- Students who violate the Code of Conduct with a Type three offense will be reassigned to their district school. A student who continuously violates the Code of Conduct, a referral to student support services will be made by the building administration and a plan will be put in place to support a student's efforts to succeed before reassignment.
- Students who are facing reassignment to their district school after marking period 2 may remain in the magnet program for the remainder of the school year other than for a Type three Code of Conduct offense

#### **Requirements for Continuing Enrollment in Bridgeport Military Academy**

- Students must adhere to the BPS Attendance Policy
- Students who violate the Code of Conduct with a Type three offense will be reassigned to their district school
- Students who are facing reassignment to their district school after marking period 2 may remain in the magnet program for the remainder of the school year other than for a Type three Code of Conduct offense

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