

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOLS LOTTERY 2016

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT is pleased to announce the opening of this year's lottery enrollment period for Columbus Magnet Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. The application window officially **OPENS** on **Monday, February 22, 2016** and closes on **Thursday, March 24, 2016**. Only those students new to CMSD or those wishing to make a change must complete an application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Columbus Magnet Schools **LOTTERY 2016 APPLICATIONS** will be available on **Monday, February 22, 2016**, at all school offices, Brandon Central Service Center, and on the CMSD website. For more information about the Columbus Magnet Schools Lottery, please contact Tenisha Adams, Lottery Administrative Assistant, at 662-241-7400 or email adamst@columbus.k12.ms.us. **ALL** applications **MUST** be submitted in person by **PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN** at the following location:

**Columbus Municipal School District
2630 McArthur Drive
Columbus, MS 39703**

WHO SHOULD APPLY

MAGNET SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS will only be accepted from parents or legal guardians of students who reside within the attendance zones for our school district. Parents or legal guardians who have a child or children who currently attend a Columbus Magnet School in grades **Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth** and are satisfied with his or her placement **DO NOT** need to submit a lottery application. Your child will automatically have a seat in his or her current Magnet School for next year.

Parents or legal guardians who meet **ANY** of the criteria listed **BELOW** are asked to submit a **Magnet School Application** to place your child in a Columbus Magnet School for next school year. Parents or legal guardians **SHOULD SUBMIT** a Magnet School Lottery Application for this year's **LOTTERY IF**:

- ❖ You wish to apply for the **PRE-KINDERGARTEN** program. Parents or legal guardians must complete a Magnet School Lottery Application and submit enrollment information to Brandon Central Services Center no later than **Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.** Your child must be **FOUR** years old on or before September 1, 2016, to be eligible for the Pre-Kindergarten Program. After completing the enrollment process, parents or legal guardians who wish to enroll their child in the Pre-Kindergarten Program must **BRING** their child to Brandon Central Services Center to participate in **PRE-K TESTING** on **ONE** of the following dates:
 - **Tuesday, March 29, 2016 (4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.)**
 - **Wednesday, March 30, 2016 (7:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.)**
- ❖ Your child will enter **KINDERGARTEN** next year. Your child must be **FIVE** years old on or before September 1, 2016 to enroll in Kindergarten.
- ❖ Your child is **NEW** to the Columbus Municipal School District. Your child is considered a **NEW** student if he or she **DOES NOT** currently attend Columbus Schools.
- ❖ Your child **CURRENTLY ATTENDS** Columbus Magnet Schools in Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth Grade and you wish to **APPLY** to a **DIFFERENT** Magnet School.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

To enroll a **NEW** student a **PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN** must submit a lottery application and **BRING** the following information with them to central office to **APPLY** for a seat:

1. A certified copy of your child's **birth certificate**
2. An up-to-date copy of your child's **Immunization Compliance Form (MS Form 121) – Shot Record**
3. **Two current proofs of residency** (one of which must have been issued within the **last 30 days**) indicating that both the child and parent reside in the Columbus School District. These proofs may include: **Mortgage/lease agreement; electric, gas, or telephone bill (land-line only); driver's license or voter's registration card. The name and address must be the same on BOTH documents.**

Proofs of Residency will be verified again at **REGISTRATION** for entry into school.

The **DEADLINE** for submitting lottery applications is **Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.** The application will also be available at www.columbuscityschools.org. The Columbus Magnet School Lottery will be conducted at Brandon Central Services Center on **Friday, April 15, 2016.**

COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE 2016 SCHEDULE

COOK FINE ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

FAIRVIEW AEROSPACE & SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

Thursday, February 25, 2016
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

FRANKLIN MEDICAL SCIENCES & WELLNESS MAGNET SCHOOL

Thursday, February 25, 2016
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

STOKES-BEARD TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION MAGNET SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

SALE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAGNET – An IB World School

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Come Explore the Possibilities!

It's a Great Day
to be a *Falcon!*