

# Montgomery Public Schools

## Magnet Schools Program Handbook

### 2017-2018 School Year

The magnet programs of the Montgomery Public Schools (MPS) offer educational choices for children in kindergarten through the twelfth grade. These specialized programs are designed around themes that focus on the talents and abilities of students. The magnet programs offer expanded educational choices to Montgomery's youth and invite greater opportunity for personal growth and exploration. While each magnet has its own unique characteristics, all share a commitment to providing innovative and stimulating instruction.

### Application Process

Magnet applications will be online this year. *Applicants may only complete the electronic application once. No changes can be made after the electronic application has been submitted.*

**Please note:** Applicants who choose to apply to more than one magnet school, must rank their selections beginning with 1<sup>st</sup> choice.

Before beginning the magnet application process, parents are encouraged to learn as much about the magnet schools as possible. In order for interested applicants to learn more about our magnet schools, each of the magnet schools will be providing tours. Tour dates and times are posted on the MPS website at [www.mps.k12.al.us](http://www.mps.k12.al.us). Additionally, information about each magnet program along with each program's eligibility criteria can also be found on the MPS website.

The application website will be available at 8 am on February 21, 2017. The application portal will close promptly at 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Therefore, please plan to begin the process in advance. Failure to complete the application correctly may result in disqualification of the applicant.

### **Information for applicants who are CURRENTLY ENROLLED in Montgomery Public Schools**

Applicants who are ***currently enrolled*** in Montgomery Public Schools will need their ten (10) digit Student State ID Number (SSID) in order to complete the magnet application.

Parents/Guardians can locate their child's SSID number in the Parent Portal of I-Now. The SSID number can be found under Demographics in the Student Information Section (available in the left column once you log in.) The SSID number will be in the Origin/Residency Section. Once you have entered your child's SSID number and date of birth, your child's information will be pulled from I-Now. Please verify that the information displayed on the screen is correct. If you

see any errors, please notify your child's *current* school immediately. You will need to request changes in writing. Please note that a change of address will require proof of residency. (Please see the *MPS 2016-17 Code of Student Behavior* for acceptable forms of proof of residence.) Once you submit your change in writing to your child's *current* school, it may take up to 72 hours for that change to be reflected in the Magnet Application Portal. Therefore, it is important that you begin this process early. It is important that each applicant's contact information be correct. If there is a change in address or phone number after the application has been submitted, please notify your child's current school and the magnet schools for which your child has applied. You must notify the schools in writing.

Parents/Guardians who do not have a password to the I-Now Parent Portal will need to check with their child's current school for assistance in obtaining their child's SSID number.

### **Information for applicants who are NOT currently enrolled in Montgomery Public Schools**

Applicants who are **NOT currently enrolled** in Montgomery Public Schools will need to complete the information requested in the application. They will also have to download the transcript request form and give it to the guidance counselor at their current school. (Transcripts are NOT required for students entering Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade.) The official transcript and conduct/discipline record must be received by the applicant's **first choice** magnet school no later than 4 pm on Thursday, March 30, 2017. The sending school should provide an official explanation of grade equivalences.

Should your address and/or contact information change after you have completed the application, please notify the magnet school(s) for which you have applied in writing.

**For ALL applicants:** Please make sure to begin the process early as the website will close promptly at 4 pm on March 16, 2017. Applicants will not be able to apply after that time. Additionally, only one application may be submitted per applicant. On that application, applicants for elementary magnets may select their first and second choice magnet school, and applicants for middle and high school magnets may select their first, second, and third choice magnet schools. ***Once the application has been submitted, it cannot be changed.*** At the end of the application process, you will be given a confirmation number. You will be able to print the confirmation page. If you provide your email in the application, the confirmation number will also be emailed to you. Please make sure that you have a copy of this number prior to closing the application process. It is important that you keep your confirmation number for reference.

## APPLICATION DETAILS

### Elementary Magnet Applications (Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>)

- Elementary Magnets are Bear Exploration Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology, Forest Avenue Academic Magnet, Carver Elementary Arts Magnet, and McMillian International Academy.
- Elementary applicants will select a first choice school. They may also indicate a second choice school. No second choice selections will be considered until all first choice selections have been satisfied.
- A student accepted into a magnet school that requires a minimum grade point average (GPA) and conduct/discipline record must maintain the grade point average and conduct/discipline record during the second semester of the current school year (2016-2017). Failure to do so will result in loss of eligibility.

### **Transcript Request Forms: Information for Applicants who are NOT currently enrolled in Montgomery Public Schools:**

- Evaluation of an official transcript is required for determining eligibility for acceptance to the magnet programs. Applicants who are **NOT** currently enrolled in MPS must complete the Elementary Transcript Request Form and submit it to the guidance counselor at the applicant's current school.
- An official transcript of the previous school year (2015-2016) and the first semester of the current school year (2016-17) must be submitted to the applicant's first choice magnet school. Second grade applicants will only need to submit an official transcript for the first semester of the current school year (2016-17).
- Transcripts are NOT required for students entering kindergarten or first grade.
- Official transcripts must be received by your first choice magnet school no later than **4 pm on March 30, 2017**. The sending school should provide an official explanation of grade equivalences.

### *Middle School Program Applications (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)*

- Middle magnet schools are Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet, Floyd Middle Magnet, and Carr Academic Magnet.
- Middle school applicants may select a first, second and third choice school. (If an applicant is applying to Baldwin, he/she must select either Baldwin Academics or Baldwin Arts, but not both.) No second selections will be considered until all first choice selections have been satisfied . No third choice selections will be considered until all first and second choice selections have been satisfied.
- A student accepted into a magnet school that requires a minimum grade point average (GPA) and conduct/discipline record must maintain the grade point average and

conduct/discipline record during the second semester of the current school year (2016-2017). Failure to do so will result in loss of eligibility.

**Transcript Request Forms: Information for Applicants who are NOT currently enrolled in Montgomery Public Schools:**

- Evaluation of an official transcript is required for determining eligibility for acceptance to the magnet programs. Applicants who are NOT currently enrolled in MPS must complete the Middle/High Transcript Request Form and submit it to the guidance counselor at the applicant's **current** school.
- An official transcript of the previous school year (2015-2016) and the first semester of the current school year (2016-17) must be submitted to the applicant's first choice magnet school.
- Official transcripts must be received in the applicant's first choice magnet school no later than **4 pm on March 30, 2017**. The sending school should provide an official explanation of grade equivalences.

**High School Magnet Program Applications (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> )**

- High School Magnets are Booker T. Washington Magnet (BTW), Brewbaker Technology Magnet (Brew Tech), and Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP).
- High school applicants may select a first, second and third choice magnet school. No second choice selections will be considered until all first choice selections have been satisfied. No third choice selections will be considered until all first and second choice selections have been satisfied.
- A student accepted into a magnet school that requires a minimum grade point average (GPA) and conduct/discipline record must maintain the grade point average and conduct/discipline record during the second semester of the current school year (2016-2017). Failure to do so will result in loss of eligibility.

**Transcript Request Forms: Information for Applicants who are NOT currently enrolled in Montgomery Public Schools:**

- Evaluation of an official transcript is required for determining eligibility for acceptance to the magnet programs. Applicants who are NOT currently enrolled in MPS must complete the Middle/High Transcript Request Form and submit it to the guidance counselor at the applicant's current school.
- An official transcript of the previous school year (2015-2016) and the first semester of the current school year (2016-17) must be submitted to the applicant's first choice magnet school.

- Official transcripts must be received in the applicant's first choice magnet school no later than **4 pm on March 30, 2017**. The sending school should provide an official explanation of grade equivalences.

### **Procedures for Homeschoolers**

Homeschool applicants will be evaluated individually based on the official documents that are submitted with the magnet school application. Homeschool applicants must meet the Alabama State Department of Education's guidelines for homeschooling.

### **Grade Point Average Calculation (GPA)**

Academic averages are determined by using quality points that are assigned to each subject and will be computed using the following scale: A=4 points;B=3 points,C=2 points;D=1 point;F= 0 points. The previous year's core academic GPA will account for two-thirds of the required GPA. The current year's first semester core academic GPA will account for one-third of the required GPA. For more information on the methods used for calculating GPA, contact the magnet school(s) for which you are applying.

### **Notification of Status**

Applicants who provide an email address when applying to the magnet program will be notified of their status by email. The email will be sent to the email address provided in the application. Applicants who are accepted into a magnet program will be sent an email offering acceptance. The email will contain a link where applicants can either accept or decline the offer. The offer must be accepted by the deadline indicated in the email. Failure to accept the offer by the deadline will result in an auto decline, resulting in the applicant forfeiting the offer.

A letter will also be mailed to applicants notifying them of their status. Accepted students who have not already accepted their offer electronically, may use the electronic link provided in the letter to accept or they may call the number provided in the letter to accept the offer. Applicants must use the confirmation number that they received when they submitted their application to accept the offer by phone. If the applicant does not accept the position prior to the deadline indicated, the offer will be auto declined, resulting in the student forfeiting the offer.

A computerized magnet lottery will be used to randomly select eligible students when the number of eligible students exceeds the space available. The computer system will maintain the wait list. Eligible students who were not accepted will be notified of acceptance as openings become available. Second choice selections will not be considered until all first choice selections have been satisfied. No third choice selections will be considered until all first and second choice selections have been satisfied. Therefore, it is very important that you carefully consider your first and second (and possibly third) choice when applying.

## Transportation for Elementary Magnet Schools

In the morning, all eligible students will be transported by bus from their neighborhood to their **zoned elementary school**. Upon arriving at their **zoned elementary school**, they will be transported by bus to their designated magnet school.

In the afternoon, all eligible students will be transported by bus from their designated magnet school to their **zoned elementary school**. Upon arriving at their zoned elementary school, their **parents/guardians will be responsible** for providing transportation home.

## Transportation for Middle Magnet Schools

***Baldwin Arts and Academics:*** In the morning, the students who are eligible are **transported by their parents/guardians** to their **zoned middle school**. Upon arriving at the **zoned middle school**, the students will be transported by bus to Baldwin Arts and Academics.

In the afternoon, the students who are eligible will be transported by bus to their **zoned middle school**. Upon arriving at their **zoned middle school**, those who are eligible will be transported back to their neighborhood by their neighborhood bus.

***Floyd Middle Magnet School:*** In the morning, the students who are eligible are **transported by their parents/guardians** to their **zoned middle school**. Upon arriving at their **zoned middle school**, the students will be transported by bus to Floyd Middle Magnet.

In the afternoon, the students who are eligible will be transported by bus to their **zoned middle school**. Upon arrival at their **zoned middle school**, their **parents/guardians will be responsible** for providing transportation home.

***Carr Academic Magnet (Magnet Students ONLY):*** In the morning, the students who are eligible are **transported by their parents/guardians** to their **zoned middle school**. Upon arriving at their **zoned middle school**, the students will be transported by bus to Carr Academic Magnet.

In the afternoon, the students who are eligible will be transported by bus to their **zoned middle school**. Upon arrival at their **zoned middle school**, their **parents/guardians will be responsible** for providing transportation home.

## Transportation for High School Magnets:

***Booker T. Washington (BTW) AND Brewbaker Technology Magnet (Brew Tech):*** In the morning, the BTW and Brew Tech students who are eligible will be transported from their neighborhood by bus to their **zoned high school**. Upon arriving at their **zoned high school**, they will be transported by bus to their designated magnet school. (BTW or Brew Tech)

In the afternoon, the students who are eligible will be transported by bus to their **zoned high school**. Upon arrival at their **zoned high school**, their **parents/guardians will be responsible** for providing transportation home.

**Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP):** In the morning, the students who are eligible are **transported by their parents/guardians** to their **zoned middle school**. Upon arriving at their **zoned middle school**, the students will be transported by bus to LAMP.

In the afternoon, the students who are eligible will be transported by bus to their **zoned high school**. Upon arrival at their **zoned high school**, those who are eligible will be transported back to their neighborhood by their neighborhood bus.

### **Magnet Middle School Athletics Policy**

A student who meets all other AHSAA eligibility requirements and is accepted to Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet is eligible to participate in sports at their zoned middle school. A student who meets all other AHSAA eligibility requirements and is accepted to Floyd Middle Magnet is eligible to participate in sports at Floyd Middle Magnet. A student who meets all other AHSAA eligibility requirements and is accepted to Carr Academic Magnet is eligible to participate in sports at Carr Middle School.

A student at Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet, Floyd Middle Magnet and Carr Academic Magnet may also “play up” only at one of the three magnet high schools (Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP), Brew Tech or Booker T. Washington (BTW)).

However, if a student chooses to “play up”, they have established their eligibility at the school for which they are playing. If the student chooses not to enroll in the school for which they are playing or if the student is not selected to that particular school through the magnet application process, the student will be ineligible to play at their zoned traditional school or another MPS magnet high school for a period of one year from the date of enrollment.

### **Magnet High School Athletics Policy:**

A student, who is applying to any of the three magnet high schools and is currently enrolled in a traditional MPS middle school or high school or a non-MPS school that is a member of the AHSAA, is ineligible to participate in sports at the three magnet high schools for a period of one year from the date of enrollment. A student who is currently enrolled in Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet, Carr Middle Magnet or Floyd Middle Magnet is eligible to participate in sports at any of the three magnet high schools. However, any student who “played up” at one of the three magnet high schools while enrolled at either Baldwin Arts and Academic Magnet, Carr Middle Magnet or Floyd Middle Magnet is only eligible to participate in sports at the school where the student established his/her high school eligibility (school that the student “played up” at). A student, who “played up” at a MPS magnet high school while enrolled at Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet, Carr Middle Magnet or Floyd Middle Magnet and is attempting to enroll at a different school from where his/her high school eligibility is established, is ineligible for a period of one year from the date of enrollment.

## Magnet School Addresses and Tour Dates

Elementary Magnets (K-5 <sup>th</sup> )	Tour Dates
<p><b>Bear Exploration Center</b>            2525 Churchill Drive,            Montgomery, AL 36111            (334) 284-8014</p>	<p>Tours will be conducted from 9:00am – 11:00am on the following days:</p> <p>Tuesday, February 21st</p> <p>Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Tues., Wed., Thurs.–February28th, March 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Tues., Wed., Thurs. – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Tues., Wed., Thurs. – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Carver Elementary Arts</b>            3100 Mobile Drive            Montgomery, AL 36108            (334) 269-3625</p>	<p>Tours will be conducted from 10:00am – 10:45am, 1:00pm – 1:30pm, and 2:00pm – 2:45pm on the following days:</p> <p>Tuesday, February 21st</p> <p>Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Wednesday, March 1st</p> <p>Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>,</p> <p>Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup></p>

<p><b>Forest Avenue Academic Magnet</b>  1700 W. Fifth Street  Montgomery, AL 36106  (334) 269-3673</p>	<p>Tours will be conducted at 9:30 am and 10:00 am on the following days:</p> <p>Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  Thursday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup></p>
<p><b>MacMillan International Academy</b>  4015 McInnis Road  Montgomery, 36116  (334) 284-7137</p>	<p>Tours will be conducted at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on the following days:</p> <p>Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup></p>

<b>Middle Magnet Schools (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Tour Dates</b>
<p><b>Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet</b>  410 S. McDonough Street  Montgomery, Alabama 36104  (334) 269-3870</p>	<p>Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Johnnie R. Carr Middle Magnet</b>  1610 Ray Thorington Road  Montgomery, Alabama 36117  (334) 244-4005</p>	<p>Tours will be conducted at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on the following days:</p> <p>Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Floyd Middle Magnet</b>  3444 LeBron Road  Montgomery, Alabama 36111  (334) 284-7130</p>	<p>Thursday, March 2nd - 2:00pm  Tuesday, March 7th - 10:00am  Thursday, March 9th - 2:00pm  Tuesday, March 14th - 10:00am</p>

<b>High School Magnets (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Tour Dates</b>
<p><b>Booker T. Washington Magnet High</b>  632 S. Union Street  Montgomery, Alabama 36104  (334) 269-3617</p>	<p>Tours will be conducted at 2 pm on the following days:  Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Brewbaker Technology Magnet High</b>  4405 Brewbaker Drive  Montgomery, Alabama 36116  (334) 284-7100</p>	<p>February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am  February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm  March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm  March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</p>
<p><b>Loveless Academic Magnet Program</b>  215 Hall Street  Montgomery, Alabama 36104  (334) 269-3839</p>	<p>February 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 PM  March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7: 20 AM</p>