

GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

MAGNET ACADEMIES

EAST NORTH STREET ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

What is a Magnet Academy?

•A magnet academy offers a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent, or skill.

 The focus of ENSA is math and science, integrated with technology.

 A magnet school may offer more than one magnet strand.

What Are the Advantages of Attending a Magnet Academy?

- •Students participate in the magnet theme and meet students from different areas of the district who also share an interest in the school's magnet theme.
- •While some similar courses may be offered in traditional schools, magnet schools attract students by offering unique and expanded opportunities for in-depth experiences and study in specific areas of interest.

What Is a Magnet Academy Designed to Do?

 Magnet academies are designed to create an educational environment which responds to student interests, celebrates cultural and ethnic diversity, and foster student achievement. A magnet academy offers a theme or focus that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent, or skill.

Why Should I Apply in the First Round?

- •Students who apply and qualify during the first round have a greater chance of being offered a slot than those students who apply and qualify in later rounds.
- Consideration for siblings is only offered in the first round.
- •All qualified students from the first round are offered slots before any students from second round can be taken.

It is very important to apply during the first round!

Where Do I Find Magnet Academy Applications?

Beginning November 10, 2025 you may:

- * Apply for Magnet using BackPack. All applications must be submitted using BackPack account.
- Application directions are provided in your packet of information.
- A Copy of frequently asked questions is provided in your packet.
- A copy of Round dates is provided in your packet.
- Information about scheduling an assessment is in your packet.

How Are Applications Scored?

Applications are scored based on 4 criteria:

- 1. Attendance
- 2. Discipline
- 3. GPA (Student InterviewAssessment in Grades K-5, 1, 2)

Eligibility criteria are printed in the Frequently

Asked Questions document and can be found

provided in your packet.

How Are Students Selected?

- Qualifying siblings are given priority in ROUND 1
- Highest scores are accepted next until all slots are filled
- A lottery system is used when there are more qualifying applicants than available slots
 - > Applicants with the highest score are chosen first
 - Applicants with the same score are arranged by a computer lottery
 - Applicants are chosen in rank order by score until all slots are filled

For more information on the selection process visit www.gcsmagnetacademies.org

How Do I Apply if My Child Currently Attends a District School?

- •Submit a completed application through BackPack before the close of the application window. A copy of dates and times is provided in your packet.
- Only complete applications, with all needed documentation will be accepted. It is the parent's responsibility to provide all needed documentation.
- •All documentation required is listed in the application as well as the Frequently Asked Questions document.
- •You must apply to all 3 magnet schools at once if you want applications to all 3. You can not be able to go back at a later time to apply.

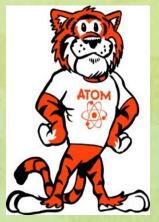
How Do I Request Transportation?

- Indicate your child's transportation needs when completing the application.
- At the time of enrollment, a paper transportation form will be completed and submitted to transportation for routing.



What if I Have More Questions?

- √ Visit <u>www.gcsmagnetacademies.org</u>
- ✓ Contact the magnet school coordinator(s) at the schools in which you are interested to schedule a tour.
- ✓ Magnet Coordinator at East North Street Academy is Jennifer Brown, 355-2915. jbrown@greenville.k12.sc.us



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