Magnet Lottery at a Glance

- Six Citywide Magnet programs
- Eight East Area Magnet programs
- Eight West Area Magnet programs
- Applications submitted online with seats assigned via random lottery
- One online application per child per school year
- Select up to five Magnet schools and programs, ranked by preference
- All Magnet schools and programs open to Students with Disabilities
- Non-lottery Out-of-Area Applications accepted if no waiting lists exist after Round 3 ends

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2020-21 Magnet Lottery Application Rounds

- **Round 1** – October 29, 2019 – December 6, 2019
- **Round 2** – January 14, 2020 – February 14, 2020*
- **Round 3** – March 17, 2020 – April 10, 2020*

To apply, visit: [cps-k12.org/enroll/magnet-enrollment](https://cps-k12.org/enroll/magnet-enrollment)

* Rounds 2 and 3 are subject to change

Transportation

A student enrolled in the assigned area Magnet school or program, or in a Citywide Magnet, is eligible for bus transportation if the student lives one mile or more from the school. If a student is enrolled in a school outside the assigned East or West Area, families must provide transportation to and from school.

Bus transportation is not provided for preschoolers.

Preschool Applications

Applications for CPS’ Magnet school preschools are submitted using the Magnet Lottery. The timeline for processing Magnet preschool applications varies due to funding and licensure requirements. For more preschool information, visit: [cps-k12.org/enroll/preschool-enrollment](https://cps-k12.org/enroll/preschool-enrollment)

Or, contact CPS’ Early Childhood Education Department:

(513) 363-0240

Learn more at cps-k12.org

CPS’ Online Magnet Lottery Opens

Cincinnati Public Schools provides the best educational options to students and families in our region — from innovative neighborhood school programming, unmatched opportunities at our high schools, and 22 Magnet schools and programs that offer a variety of content focuses and teaching styles to support students’ interests and learning preferences.

Enrolling your child in a Magnet school or program requires participation in the Online Magnet Application Process, also known as the Magnet Lottery. Applying is easy from any computer with Internet access. This online process offers families a fair and convenient application experience.

**Round 1 of the Magnet Lottery is open October 29 to December 6, 2019. To apply, visit:** [cps-k12.org/enroll/magnet-enrollment](https://cps-k12.org/enroll/magnet-enrollment)

All parents or guardians living within CPS’ 91-square-mile district can apply for their elementary-age children to attend Magnet schools or programs in their geographic area — East, West or Citywide. Interstate 75 serves roughly as the dividing line between the East Area and West Area. Citywide Magnet schools and programs accept students who live anywhere in the CPS district.

CPS’ neighborhood schools also offer strong educational choices to children living in each school’s attendance boundary; the Magnet Lottery is not required to attend neighborhood schools.

In the West Area, CPS is excited to offer a new Magnet school — Gamble Montessori Elementary School. For more detailed information about applying to CPS’ Magnet schools and programs, and to help families make well-informed choices, visit CPS’ website: [cps-k12.org](https://cps-k12.org)

Families also can visit each school’s website to see what’s special about each school: [cps-k12.org/schools/find-a-school](https://cps-k12.org/schools/find-a-school)

No matter the CPS school choice, families can be assured their children will receive a solid educational foundation that prepares them for successful futures.

How the Magnet Lottery Works

Magnet applications are submitted a school year ahead of when the child would enter the Magnet school or program.

**To Apply**

- Parents or guardians create an account and password, then enter the requested student information.
- Only parents or guardians may submit online applications.
  - Each online application allows parents or guardians to select up to five Magnet schools or programs, ranking them in the order of preference.
  - Magnet seats are given out via random lottery.
  - One Magnet application may be submitted per child per school year.
  - Only the first lottery application will be accepted; any subsequent applications for the same student will not be considered.

**Students residing in the West Area**

- May apply for West Area and Citywide Magnet schools and programs during Lottery Rounds 1-3
- Parents or guardians may enter Magnet applications from any computer with Internet access.
- If needed, parents or guardians may access computers in CPS schools and at the CPS Customer Care Center, located inside the CPS Education Center, 2651 Burnet Avenue, Corryville, 45219.
- Parents or guardians may enter Magnet applications any time during Lottery Rounds 1-3.
Each online application is given a random computer-generated lottery number, which determines the order in which space at each Magnet school or program is assigned. Magnet seats are assigned until spaces fill up, starting with the lowest numbers. If a student’s first-choice Magnet school or program is filled, the student will be placed in the second (or third, etc.) choice where space is available.

Changes to a student’s Magnet placement, based on assigned lottery number and application preferences, will be updated as Round 2 and Round 3 are run. For example, a student placed in a second-choice Magnet School could move up into a first-choice Magnet slot if space opens.

Magnet waiting lists are created as capacity limits are reached. Applicants to Magnet programs with entrance requirements also are placed on waiting lists, pending confirmation that requirements have been met. Magnet waiting lists are in effect until June 30; if a child who applied in the Magnet Lottery has not been placed by June 30, the child’s parents or guardians should register the child at the assigned neighborhood school.

Parents or guardians may submit applications any time during Round 1, which is open for six weeks. There’s no rush to be the “first in line” in Round 1.

Applying in Round 1 gives the best chance to receive their first-choice Magnet school or program. Many Magnet spaces fill up during Round 1. Rounds 2 and 3 are for new applications only.

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## West Area and Citywide Options

Parents and guardians may choose a Magnet school or program for their children from the area where the family lives (East Area or West Area) or a Citywide Magnet school or program.

### Citywide Magnet Schools

#### Arts

**School for Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA) (K-12)**
Kindergarten to Third Grade Magnet Program
108 West Central Parkway, 45202
(513) 363-8000
scpa.cps-k12.org

The School for Creative and Performing Arts is globally recognized for excellence in arts training — creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music, technical theater, visual arts, and vocal music. Coupled with a strong academic program, SCPA develops the artistic and academic talents of its students. No audition is required for students applying for grades kindergarten through third grade; SCPA students must audition in third grade to enter a major course of arts study starting in fourth grade.

#### World Languages and Culture

**Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies (AMIS)**
Preschool to Eighth Grade Magnet School
1908 Seymour Road, 45237
(513) 363-1800
amis.cps-k12.org

AMIS offers immersion and partial-immersion language curriculum aimed at fluency in Spanish; the school also offers English as a Second Language (ESL) programs.

**Academy of World Languages (AWL)**
Preschool to Sixth Grade Magnet School
2030 Fairfax Avenue, 45207
(513) 363-7800
awl.cps-k12.org

AWL offers classes in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and English as a Second Language (ESL), to prepare students for a globally linked society through excellence in world languages, cultural studies and high academic standards.

**Fairview-Clifton German Language School**
Preschool to Sixth Grade Magnet School
3689 Clifton Avenue, 45220
(513) 363-2100
fairview.cps-k12.org

**Fairview-Clifton** offers a German-language-based curriculum dedicated to academics, German and the arts, fostering a culture of excellence within a diverse learning community with unique traditions, to provide opportunities for each child to reach full potential as a world citizen.

**STEM**

**W.H. Taft School**
Preschool to Sixth Grade Magnet School
270 Southern Avenue, 45219
(513) 363-5600
taftelementary.cps-k12.org

W.H. Taft School, a dual neighborhood and magnet school, is the only elementary-level STEM school in the Tristate and a starting point for students’ mastery of STEM fields — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students who live outside the school’s neighborhood boundary can apply to attend. W.H. Taft School is one of the first STEM schools in the nation to feed into a STEM high school — Hughes STEM High School.

**Online**

**Cincinnati Digital Academy (K-12)**
Kindergarten to Sixth Grade Magnet Program
425 Ezzard Charles Drive, 45203
(513) 363-2040
digitalacademy.cps-k12.org

Cincinnati Digital Academy is a fully online program designed for students who need a more individualized approach to education: students who are homeschooled; students who are traveling; or students looking for an accelerated learning process. Students take courses wherever there is an Internet connection and have 24-hour access to their curriculum.

### West Area Magnet Schools

#### Gifted and Exceptional

**Cincinnati Gifted Academy West at Cheviot School**
Third to Sixth Grade Magnet Program
4060 Harrison Avenue, 45211
(513) 363-1400
cheviot.cps-k12.org

Cincinnati Gifted Academy West at Cheviot School accepts students who meet requirements on cognitive abilities tests or achieve certain percentile scores on the Iowa Assessments or other state-approved standardized achievement test.

**Montessori**

The Montessori classroom is designed to develop the whole child; Montessori classes are multigroups, where younger children and older children learn from each other. Montessori is a teaching method modeled after the work of Italian physician and school Maria Montessori, who believed in encouraging a child’s natural willingness to learn. West Area families may apply to three Montessori schools.

**Dater Montessori School**
Preschool to Eighth Grade Magnet School
2840 Buckland Avenue, 45238
(513) 363-0900
datermontessori.cps-k12.org

**Gamble Montessori Elementary School**
Preschool to Grade 6 Magnet School
270 Felicity Place, 45211
(513) 363-9600
gmes.cps-k12.org

**Parker Woods Montessori School**
Preschool to Grade 6 Magnet School
4370 Beach Hill Lane, 45223
(513) 363-6200
parkerwoods.cps-k12.org

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### Paideia

Paideia comes from the Greek word for “the upbringing of a child” and provides three forms of instruction: didactic, coaching and Socratic seminars. The development of good habits, grounded in the values of citizenship and leadership, is a fundamental part of the Paideia philosophy.

**Roberts Academy: A Paideia Learning Community**
Preschool to Eighth Grade Magnet School
1702 Grand Avenue, 45214
(513) 363-4600
roberts.cps-k12.org

Roberts Academy follows the Paideia teaching method. A new Global Community program deepens students’ understanding of international issues and diverse cultures through classroom work and in-the-field experiences.

### Elementary College Preparatory

Elementary College Preparatory programs helps students build solid academic skills to prepare for high school and beyond. Students explore the scientific method and must complete research papers in each grade.

**Covedale School**
Fourth to Sixth Grade Magnet Program
5130 Sidney Road, 45238
(513) 363-1700
covedale.cps-k12.org

Covedale School offers the Community Leadership Academy, a tailored leadership program that provides real-world experiences to bring civics and social studies to life.

### Fundamental

**College Hill Fundamental Academy**
Kindergarten to Sixth Grade Magnet School
1625 Cedar Avenue, 45224
(513) 363-1600
collegehillacademy.cps-k12.org

College Hill Fundamental Academy offers an Expeditionary Learning program that provides opportunities for students to gain skills and knowledge through real-world experiences rooted in rigorous project-based learning, field work and case studies.

The school’s Fundamental program fits well with children who thrive in a highly structured environment and have good work and study habits.

### World Languages and Culture

**LEAP Academy**
Preschool to Sixth Grade Magnet School
2001 Baltimore Avenue, 45225
(513) 363-1200
leapacademy.cps-k12.org

LEAP Academy — Language Enrichment and Academic Proficiency — offers rigorous core academic instruction in English, with Spanish as a foreign language exposure as early as preschool. Foreign language instruction is infused with cultural arts to achieve a rigorous, yet enriching, experience for both native English and native Spanish speakers.