



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAGNET PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Who is eligible to attend?

The International Studies Magnet Program offers French, German, and Spanish language for K-5th grade. Any student that will be **five on or before September 1st** is eligible to apply to **kindergarten**. Any student that will be **six on or before September 1st** and is enrolled in kindergarten is eligible to apply for the **first grade**. Students applying for 2nd-5th grade need to have knowledge of the foreign language they are applying to. There is no beginner's level in 2nd-5th grade.

What is considered to determine eligibility?

Kindergarten:

- Five on or before September 1st
- No testing is required

1st-5th Grade:

- Academic Grades
- Effort
- Conduct
- Attendance
- Entry Test for incoming 1st graders and Foreign Language Proficiency Entry Test for 2nd-5th grade applicants

When do I apply for admission to the magnet program?

Applications for the magnet program are accepted October 1st through January 15th. Applications received during this period will be considered for the next school year.

What will I need to submit with the application?

Complete the **Miami-Dade County Public Schools School of Choice & Parental Options** online application found at <http://yourchoicemiami.org>.

Application consists of the following:

- Student Information
- Family Information
- School Selection
- Upload Documents: Current **Report Card** from the 2019-2020 school year (1st Grading Period) for **1st-5th grade** applicants. **MDCPS students do not have to upload report card. Students enrolled in a private or parochial school need to upload report card.**
- Agreement of Understanding

What happens after I submit the completed application?

For students applying to **1st-5th grade**, when you submit the completed application, you will select an appointment date to bring in your child and have him/her tested. Children entering first grade will be administered an Entry test and children applying for 2nd-5th grade will be administered a Foreign Language Proficiency Entry Test and must be proficient in the foreign language. Eligible students who meet eligibility criteria will be entered in a random selection. Students who do not meet eligibility criteria will not be entered in the random selection. There is no testing for students applying to kindergarten.

When will I know if my child is accepted to the magnet program?

Parents will be informed if the child has been accepted, on a waiting list, or not accepted by mid-March. Parents will have to accept/decline position by April.