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
- No testing required for Grade 1 applicants
- Foreign Language Proficiency Entry Test for **2nd-5th** grade applicants – **There is no beginner's level in Grades 2-5**

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.

How do I access the online application?

Exclusive Online Application Process via M-DCPS Parent Portal: Beginning with the upcoming application cycle, all magnet applications will be accepted exclusively online through the M-DCPS Parent Portal by visiting **www.dadeschools.net**. Here's what you need to know:

For Parents of Current M-DCPS Students with no existing M-DCPS Parent Portal Account:
1. Parents of current M-DCPS students who have not yet activated their M-DCPS Parent Portal account will need to sign into the Parent Portal using their Google or Apple ID.
2. Parents may add their child to their Parent Portal account using the child's M-DCPS ID and Parent PIN.
   a. Schools, where the child is registered, will NEED TO provide a Parent PIN in order for the parent to link the student to their portal account.
3. Parents can proceed directly to the Magnet Application section to begin the application.

For Parents of Current M-DCPS students with Existing M-DCPS Parent Portal Accounts:

1. Parents with an existing M-DCPS Parent Portal account and a linked student should ensure that the email address in their Parent Portal account matches the one they use for their Google ID (Android) or Apple ID (iOS). If not, they will need to update their email address to transition to the NEW Parent Portal.
2. Parents can sign into the M-DCPS Parent Portal and click on the Magnet Application tile to begin the application.

Non-M-DCPS Parents (Foreign, Out-of-State, Home School, Private, etc.):
If a parent is not affiliated with M-DCPS because their child does not attend an M-DCPS school, the following applies:

1. Parents will need to sign into the M-DCPS Parent Portal using their Google or Apple ID.
2. Since their child does not attend an M-DCPS school, they will not be able to link a student.
3. They can proceed directly to the Magnet Application section to apply for their child.
4. Parents will be able to add their student's information directly within the Magnet Application.

What happens after I submit the completed application?

For students applying to **2nd -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 applying for 2nd-5th grade will be administered a Foreign Language Proficiency Entry Test and **must be proficient in the foreign language. There is no beginner's level in Grades 2-5.** 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 and Grade 1.

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 March 15. Parents will have to accept/decline position by April.