Middle School

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Middle School Credits

- Students must earn credit in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Social Studies
- Earning credit is getting at least a D
- If a student fails 2 classes for a year they are retained
- There are credit recovery options offered afterschool, in the summer, and through Virtual School

IEP and 504 Info

- Records will transfer with your student
- IEP meetings will happen on the year anniversary
- 504 students will meet at some point during 6th grade
- You can always request a meeting if you have concerns

Electives

- Students will get to pick an elective each year
- Most electives are offered as half-year classes, so students take 2
- Some examples are AVID, band, art, technology, musical theater, PE, and Robotics

Getting ready

- Classroom Guidance Lessons on Middle School Prep
- Attend Open Houses
- Shadow
- Meet the Teacher Day
- Practice using a combo lock

Middle School TIPS

- Organization
 - Planner checks
 - o 3 inch binder
- Teacher Communication
 - Email list
- Get involved
- Technology Awareness

Technology Awareness

- Ask you child to show you what they do online
- Review your child's "Friend/Follower" lists
- No secret passwords from you but make sure they keep them secret from friends
- Discuss bullying with your child... How will you handle it?
- Employ monitoring and filtering software
- Set time limits
- Consider not only age, but maturity level, too

Cambridge Program

- Advanced curriculum
 - Reading and Language Arts
 - Math
 - Science
 - Gifted- advanced social studies
- Students typically have a 3.5 GPA (4th and 5th grade), Level 4 or 5 FSA
- Applications available on the Westwood Website

AVID

- Advancement Via Individualized
 Determination
- Typically looking for motivated students with at least 3.0 GPA and Level 3 FSA
- Students will take an advanced course
- Students have AVID as their elective
- College focus
- Applications on Westwood Website

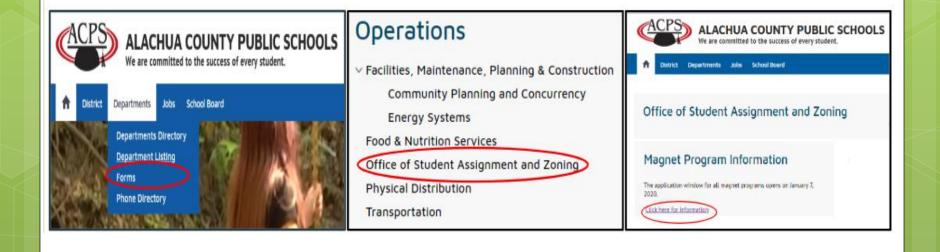
Magnet Program Application Process

- Second year
- Not for Westwood or Fort Clarke Programs
- Westwood's Cambridge application will be available on Westwood's website starting January 7th
- Cambridge Open House is January 21st at 5:30 pm
- Cambridge Shadowing signup link will go live December 13th

Steps

www.sbac.edu > Departments > Department Listing > Operations

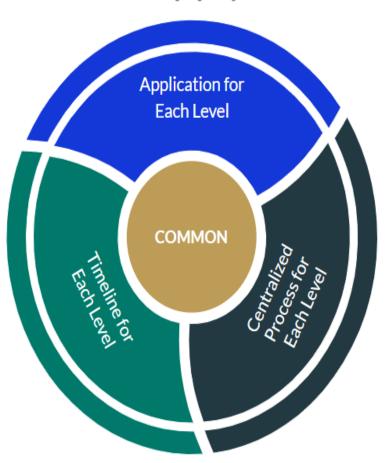
> Office of Student Assignment and Zoning > Magnet Program Information



Middle School Academic Magnets

Program Name	Location
Academy of Technology & Gifted Studies	Howard Bishop Middle School
Center for Advanced Academics & Technology	Oak View Middle School
The Lyceum: Center for Advanced Studies	Lincoln Middle School

Process to Apply



75% School Selection

and

25% Lottery Selection

Schools can select from <u>all</u> applicants that apply.

Process to Apply

- Students may apply for up to four magnet programs, ranking their choices.
 - Elementary up to 4 choices
 - Middle up to 3 choices
 - High School up to 4 (any combination of academic and CTE)
- Student acceptance letters will include ALL programs the student was accepted to participate in. Student/Parents will select only 1 (unless accepting Cambridge with Health Professions or Future Teachers or IB with Culinary).

Magnet Application and Acceptance Timeline for 2019

January 7, 2020 -- Application Opens

- Online application available via a link on sbac.edu
- Paper copies will be available at each school, if needed

February 3, 2020 - Application Closes

- Online application closes at 11:59 p.m.
- Paper applications must be postmarked by this date

March 30, 2020 -- Parents notified of acceptance/waitlists

April 7, 2020 -- Parent/Student commitment deadline

Program Ranking

The lottery runs in order of your preference.

If you are selected for a lower ranked choice, you will still run in the lottery and may be accepted or placed on the waitlist for higher ranked programs.

Make sure all program rankings are in the order (first selection being most important, second selection being next most important, and so on) you would like PRIOR to February 3, 2020.

No changes can be made after the application deadline.

Additional Application and Acceptance Information

- Following acceptance in a program, you may remain on the waitlist for higher ranked preferences through June 30th, 2020. After June 30th, no changes between programs will be allowed.
- Students not accepted will remain on the waitlist through the first 15 days of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Late application entries will go to the bottom of the waitlist and will only be processed for programs with available seats.
- Seats will be offered from the waiting lists as they become available through the
 first 15 days of school. Parents must accept by the deadline on the offer or the
 seat will be marked as declined and the seat offered to the next student.

Transportation

Following commitment to a program:

Magnet Program Transportation will include satellite stops in the 2020-2021 school year. These stops will typically be located at students' zoned elementary or middle schools.

Stops will be arranged throughout the summer.

The transportation department number is (352) 955-7602.

Requirements to Remain in Good Standing

After application, seat offering and/or acceptance, students must continue to meet initial eligibility requirements or their seat in the program may be revoked.

Each Academic Magnet and Career Academy has minimum requirements included in the application that students/families agree to during the application process.

Each Academic Magnet and Career Academy may also have additional requirements to remain in good standing and remain in the program.

Who to contact for more information:

- Application/Process Questions
 - Email <u>alachuamagnets@gm.sbac.edu</u>

OR

- o Call 352-955-7712
- School/Program Specific Questions
 - Contact each school

Thank you for Coming!

• Questions?