

# What do I need to know?

## Information for Applying to **High School Options**

### Where do I go to get information about my magnet options?

The [Magnet Schools webpage](#) has more information about the magnet options available.

Families may also get an in-depth look at magnet and choice schools during the **Virtual Choice Showcase, happening Feb. 1-5**. Schools will host Q&A sessions and provide videos and other materials to help inform parents and students about the opportunities they provide. The Virtual Choice Showcase can be found through [gcsnc.com](http://gcsnc.com).

### How do I access the online magnet application?

Beginning on Jan. 14 at 8 a.m., the link to the online magnet application will be available and posted on the GCS website home page, on the Magnet Schools' page and shared through multiple social media outlets. You can also go to [gcsnc.schoolmint.net](http://gcsnc.schoolmint.net).

#### STEP ONE:

Clicking on [this link](#) will take you to a Welcome Page where you will be asked to create a family account. Each family should create ONE family account for all the children in the household. Families will be



required to provide a cell phone number or email address as part of the application process. Families may select an alternate language to complete the process.

#### STEP TWO:

Complete a separate application for each child who is applying for a magnet program. A list of available schools will appear. Select the schools that you wish to apply to and list them in order of preference. Read the Magnet Schools procedures carefully before completing the requested information. Once you submit the application, you may not make any further changes so fill in each area carefully.

## What information will I need to have available as I am completing the application?

- Mobile/cell phone number and/or email address
- Home address
- GCS Student ID number (same as student's lunch number)
- Current school name
- School assignment by attendance zone for next school year (use the [School Assignment Locator](#) if unsure)
- For some schools:
  - Recommendations from teachers – you will need the name and email address for each teacher
  - Electronic copies of recent report cards, EOG/EOC test scores, resumes
  - Parent/guardian education level and household income
- Students not currently enrolled in GCS may be asked to provide additional documentation.

## How many schools can I apply to?

Each student may apply up to five high school options from their list of available choices. You will be asked to rank order the schools by preference.

Once you have completed the application and clicked submit, modifications to the application will no longer be accepted.

### **The application deadline is March 3, 2021, at 5 p.m.**

Any applications submitted after that date/time will be classified as late applications and will not be considered in the initial selection process.

Students may be invited by some schools for an interview, audition, or additional assessments. Not all schools conduct interviews or auditions.

## When will I know if my child has been offered a magnet seat?

Families will receive notification of magnet seat offers by April 23, 2021. Notifications will be communicated by email or text according to the notification method selected when families set up their account. Families must accept or decline offers by May 30, 2021.

Once an offer is accepted, the student's application is considered closed, and the student's application will be removed from other wait pools. Once a family has an accepted offer from a magnet school, they will receive a link to request transportation and an invitation from the school with an appointment to complete the enrollment and registration process.

## Who do I contact if I need help?

For technical assistance, contact [support@schoolmint.com](mailto:support@schoolmint.com).

For school assignment questions, contact the Student Assignment Office (336-370-8303).

For questions about specific school programs, contact the school directly.