

Quick Guide for Eligibility Rules

Approved for the 2013-2014 School Year

General Information

- All schools must post their eligibility requirements on the school's website.
- Any criterion that exceeds the Basic criteria posted below must be submitted and approved in writing by the School Choice & Parental Options office prior to being posted on the school's website and used for determining eligibility of applicants.
- By Board rule, no single criteria can exclude a student from eligibility, with the exception of failure to complete/submit required recommendations, forms, and transcripts.
- It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school for requirements that are school specific, such as recommendation forms.
- Schools retain the right to declare a student ineligible if required documentation is not submitted by January 15th.
- All required recommendation forms must be available on the school website.

A. Basic Criteria for Random Selection Magnets

- Minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in core Academic subject areas (e.g. Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies) and in Conduct
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a "2" or higher
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for previous year
- Recommendations may be required
- FCAT scores can only be reviewed as part of the eligibility process under very limited circumstances.
 - Elementary schools may not review FCAT scores.
 - Secondary schools with a seven or an eight period schedule may not review FCAT scores.
 - Secondary schools with a six period schedule may review FCAT scores to determine if a student has at least one elective period available to take magnet theme courses.

B. IB/IS/Cambridge/Scholars/MAST/iPREP/iTech/Terra Requirements (Senior High Only—grades 9-12)

- Minimum of 2.5 Grade Point Average in core Academic subject areas (e.g. Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies) and in Conduct
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a "2" or higher
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for previous year
- May require that Physical Science Honors and Algebra I Honors be completed and received credit before the 2013-14 school year begins
- Recommendations may be required

C. Visual & Performing Arts Magnets

- Minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in core Academic subject areas (e.g. Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies) and in Conduct
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a "2" or higher
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for previous year
- Placement is based on audition/interview results
- Parents must contact the school by January 15th to schedule auditions/interviews.
- Schools must submit to the School Choice & Parental Options office a record of audition/interview results by April 1st each year.
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Eligibility Variance Request

MUST be received by 10/12/2012 for consideration
Please Complete ONE Form per Strand



School Name _____ Mail Code _____

Changes Requested ? Yes No Does your School/Program require a Recommendation Form? Yes No

Strand Capacity _____ Strand Name _____

Strand Category *(Select from Drop-down)*

Eligibility Change Requested *(be specific)*

Reason for Eligibility Variance *(be specific)*

Principal's Name _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Contact Phone Number _____

PLEASE NOTE: No variation from basic eligibility criteria may be used unless you have provided a justification and have a signed copy of approval from School Choice & Parental Options of this document on file. Individual schools will be notified of approval/denial of the request.

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Approved Not Approved Name _____ Title _____

Approval granted for the following:

District/SCPO Administrator's Name _____

District/SCPO Administrator's Signature _____ Date _____