



**JACK YATES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Pride. Excellence. Tradition.**



## Yates Magnet Program Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How to apply for Yates Magnet programming for the 2026 - 2027 school year?

ANSWER: Complete **steps 1 - 3** below.

Apply HERE: <https://choosehisd.my.site.com/Apply/SiteLanding>

Note: JY's Magnet program only accepts eligible incoming 9 - 11th graders for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

### 2. Who can I contact for support with my Magnet application at Jack Yates?

ANSWER: Hi, I am Ms. Chinara Hunter, Magnet Coordinator, on campus.

Chinara.hunter@houstonisd.org

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### Step 1: Check out the two different Magnet Programs at Jack Yates High School

(School Of Communications and Maritime Academy)

<https://yates.houstonisd.org/academics-programs/magnet>

<https://youtu.be/ieD0D5zFHxw?feature=shared> <https://m.youtube.com/@JYTVSOC/videos>

### Step 2:

- A. Please log-in to the HISD Parent Application Dashboard or create an account if you have not done so already.
- B. <https://choosehisd.my.site.com/Apply/SiteLanding>
- C. Apply for a Magnet Program. (The School Of Communication choices are Photography, or Music Production or TV/Film Production. The final magnet option is the Maritime Academy at Yates)

**INCLUDING** upload the **Final Report Card** for the 2024- 2025 school year or email it to [chinara.hunter@houstonisd.org](mailto:chinara.hunter@houstonisd.org)

### Step 3:

- A. Why do you need to upload or email your Final Report Card from the 24-25 school year?

The Final Report card will be used to determine eligibility for the Magnet Program, also known as the Matrix Score.

- B. How do I obtain a copy of the 2024 - 2025 Final Report Card for my student?

Visit or email your child's School Registrar or School Counselor from the 24-25 school year.

Magnet:

**APPLY FOR OUR MAGNET PROGRAM**  
<https://choosehisd.my.site.com/Apply/SiteLanding>

 **SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION**

• **TV & Film Production**  
**\*JY Cinema is a Dual Credit Program\***  
**Focus Area: HCC Level 1 Filmmaking Certificate**

• **Music Production**  
**\*Music Production is a Dual Credit Program**  
**Focus Area: Digital Audio Technology**

• **Graphic Design & Interactive Media**  
**\*Photography, Print Technology and Digital Art Animation\***

**Focus Area: Adobe certification in Premier Pro**  
**Focus Area: Adobe certification in Photoshop**

 **MARITIME ACADEMY**

• **Distribution, Logistics, and Warehousing**  
**\*Maritime is a Dual Credit Program \***

**Focus Area: Exposure to career opportunities on land & sea, Operating water vessels, Forklift Operation, TWIC Card acquisition, Robotics**

**Focus Area: Certified Logistics Associate (CLT)**  
**Focus Area: Maritime Navigation, Safety Regulations, Supply Chain Logistics, Freight Coordination, Inventory Management**

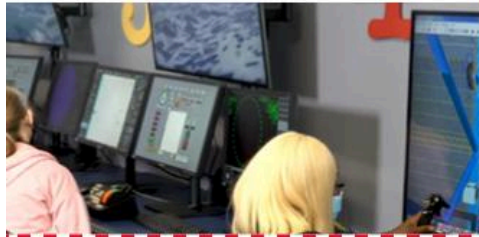
Discover Your Voice at JYHS – Home of the Legendary School of Communications (SOC), where innovation meets legacy! Our (SOC) magnet program has nationally and internationally recognized alumni who are current leaders in media, journalism, and creative arts. Our scholars gain hands-on experience in storytelling, editing, and production— and train for careers at top media outlets like ESPN through our immersive sports production internship program. Learn the art of live sports broadcasting and behind-the-scenes production.

Thanks to partners like the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston, FotoFest, and more our Photography students explore the world of professional photography through field trips, exhibitions, worked based learning opportunities, and mentorship from industry experts.

Our Dual Credit Music Production students participate in a hands-on program that emphasizes studio experience and technical skills. Learn the techniques of mixing, recording, studio engineering, troubleshooting systems, and collaboration with artists through music and podcast productions.

Explore the “Seas of Opportunity with Our Maritime Academy”. Our Dual Credit Maritime Academy prepares students for careers in, distribution, logistics, warehousing with a focus on maritime operations.

In partnership with the Port of Houston, HCC, and more, our students pursue careers in Engineering, Maritime, Welding, Logistics. Our students are equipped with real-world skills and certifications.



Phase One Application Opens	12/9/2025
Phase One Application is Due	2/27/2026
Lottery Notification Date	4/8/2026
Phase Two Application Opens	4/8/2026
Phase One School Acceptance Deadline	4/21/2026
Phase Two Offer Acceptance Deadline	5 Calendar Days from Offer date One week before school opens
Phase Two Application Closes	before school opens



### Before Applying

- Explore available programs and identify which program best aligns with your child's interests:
  - ▷ **School Tours:** Contact the campus directly or visit their website for details.
  - ▷ **School Choice Fairs:** *(more details below)*
- **Ranking Matters!** Consider how you will rank your choices. You will be asked to rank your choices based on preference. Families can apply for up to 10 programs/schools.

### Submit Your Application

- If your student is a current student with HISD, you will need their HISD ID number.
- Go to [choosehisd.my.site.com](https://choosehisd.my.site.com)
- Login to your account or create one.
- Once you have added your student to your account, click on **Take Action** to begin your applications.
- Continue with application until you see the green success message indicating your applications are submitted.

### After Applying

- Confirm you've submitted any documents needed by going to **Next Steps**. *(not applicable to all)*
- Monitor your School Choice account regularly for updates.
- Keep track of the School Choice key dates. *(listed below)*
- If you want to make changes to your selections, click **Take Action** and be sure to continue with the application process until you get the green success message.

### Academics

- Magnet Programming:
- School Of Communication & The Maritime Academy
- AP Classes
- Dual Credit Classes with Houston City College and The University Of Texas
- On Ramps Program
- Red Lion Robotics Team
- National Honors Society and more



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### Extracurricular Activities

- 9 time Boys Basketball State Champs
- 5 time Football State Champs
- 3 time Track & Field State Champs
- 1 time Girls Basketball State Champs
- Speech & Debate, Volleyball, Student Council, JY Cinema, JY Photolab, Yates Music
- Production, Marching Motion Band, MMB Media, & Lionettes, Twirl, Flags, Cheer, Visual Arts, Theater, PTO, JROTC, G-unity Business Lab, Baseball, Soccer, Golf, Wrestling, Girls Flag Football, UIL Academic Competitions, and more

College Focus  
College and Scholarship  
Application Support

### Career Preparation

Internship Opportunities,  
Field Lessons, Business and  
Community Partnerships

### Motto

Pride. Excellence.  
Tradition.

You Can Be Great At Yates !!!



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| @themarchingmotion |                           |
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