



Washington Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary

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Quick Facts about our School

1. Historic landmark located in downtown Raleigh with close proximity to museums, cultural sites, colleges and universities.
2. Forty one years as a magnet program, Nationally Certified Magnet School, 2023 Top School of Excellence in the United States..
3. Diverse student population: 26% African American, 44% Asian, 19% Caucasian, 6% Hispanic, 5% Multiracial or American Indian.
4. Operates on the WCPSS traditional calendar; 9:20-3:50 each instructional day.
5. Before and after school care programs are available onsite for a fee.
6. Innovative learning occurs in small groups and collaborative learning spaces with technology tools such as green screens, iPads, and robots. 1:1 technology ratio.
7. Students choose from over 200 elective courses based in Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Technology, Media and Contemporary Arts to help develop individual strengths and interests.
8. Expanded opportunities in visual and performing arts (Pottery, Sculpture, Band, Orchestra, Dance, and Drama), accelerated (AIG) courses (Architecture, Physics, Philosophy, Creative Writing) and world languages (Spanish and online French, Chinese and German).
9. Elective courses occur 4 days per week for 45 minutes with new selections every 7-8 weeks.
 - o Grades 2-5 select 8 electives per year.
 - o Grades K-1 select 4 electives per year in addition to daily specials that include Music, Art, Dance, Drama and Physical Education.
10. Variety of elective and extracurricular activities including Running Club, Chess Club, Science Olympiad, Odyssey of the Mind, Scholastic Pursuit, School News Today, Robotics, and Theater Production.
11. Active PTA supports classroom innovation and sponsors author and writer in residence programs, Reflections Arts contest, cultural arts opportunities, Math and Science Night, Arts and Letters Night, Scholastic Book Fair, and Scripps National Spelling Bee.
12. Neighborhood busing-no express stops.

26 Homeroom Classes

Kindergarten-4

Third Grade-4

First Grade-4

Fourth Grade-4

Second Grade-4

Fifth Grade-4

K-2 and 3-5 Classrooms for Extended Content Standards

2023-24: 476 students

**Average class size: K-1st Grade: 16
Grade 4: 24**

**2nd-3rd Grade : 20
Grade 5: 21**

Purpose of Magnets:

The purpose of the magnet schools program is to reduce high concentrations of poverty in schools; promote diverse school populations; maximize use of school facilities and provide innovative educational opportunities. To that end, we consider two key factors in considering magnet applications:

- Socioeconomic status of the area where the applying student resides
- Projected overall socioeconomic status of the school to which that student is assigned for next year.

Priorities:

What are Priorities and how can I find mine out: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/33790>

1. Everything is based on your address. When you go to the priorities page it will give you two answers.
 - a. Socioeconomic status of your base school
 - b. Socioeconomic status of your address.
 - c. Then you can go to this site and see where you fall on the priorities list. Everyone accepted to WES as a magnet student last year had some sort of priority.

Magnet Application Information-

Enrollment begins online. K students and students not in a WCPSS require a powerschool number and must register online. The base school will contact you about turning in required documents.

- K students-register online with base school. Ask the base school for a powerschool number and tell them you intend to apply to a magnet school.
- Parents use the powerschool number to apply online.
- To begin the process go to this site. <https://wcpss.schoolmint.com/login>
- You may include up to 5 magnet choice options. Only put a school you want-if you get it, it is yours!
- Application runs October 16th through January 25th, 2024.
- Parents will be notified in late February if they have been accepted. If you are not happy with your results you may request a transfer back to your base school March 4th-March 15th. This is not guaranteed and is difficult if your base school is capped.

What are my chances of getting in?

It depends on your priority (see above) but the best chance is at Kindergarten because that is where we have the most seats. It changes every year but typically about 25% for Kindergarten and in the teens for 1st-5th.



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