

ARC IB Programmes Admissions Policy Description

In the last few years, our county has increased the number of magnet programs offered to its residents. As a result, rather than have each school implement standalone admissions processes and criteria (as we used to), the county consolidated and streamlined what is now a fairly generic magnet admissions process.

The timeline has not been announced for the 2020-21 SY, but this is how it has been the last few years and how we anticipate it will continue this year:

Oct-Nov: Magnet programs begin outreach and recruiting processes

Early November: County-wide magnet fair at the Augusta Mall

Nov-Early January: Online magnet application is open

Late Jan.-Early Feb: Magnet testing is conducted

Late Feb: All magnet schools meet at central office to conduct selection process

Early March: Offers of admission are mailed out

Mid-March: Registration night for new magnet students

ARC-Specific Policies:

* Rising 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students may be considered. As DP/CP are 2-year programmes of study, rising 12th graders are not considered unless they are transferring from another IB World School

* As noted in the Self-study questionnaire, ARC typically offers admission to students who have at least a B average and are on grade level in math/verbal. However, in keeping with our school's focus on equity and expanded access, we are very generous in our application of the criteria. We believe that students who are willing to challenge themselves and have shown some modicum of achievement will benefit from matriculation in our IB Programmes.

* A school policy from the initial authorization of our DP, students are not allowed to be course candidates. All students in IB courses must be full programme candidates. The only exception to this policy is made for foreign exchange students who are typically only in attendance for one school year. If they take a one-year SL course, the student will be allowed to sit for the examinations as a course candidate.

*With the cooperation and advice of the county magnet coordinator, we have developed and are piloting an alternate acceptance policy for rising 9th and 10th graders who either were not accepted or did not go through the application process. As we are an MYP candidate school (years 4&5), we have chosen to require our 9th graders to complete a Community Project (as part of the scaffolding we are putting in place for the future DP/CP students), and the 10th graders complete a Personal Project. If the parent and student sign an agreement to complete the project, they will gain probationary magnet student status. If they complete everything satisfactorily, they will gain permanent magnet student

Magnet Meeting Summary
Wednesday, September 12th

Early Application Timeline for 2018-2019

- x November 1, 2019 – Student may begin applying at 8 AM
- x November 3, 2019 – Choice Fair at the Augusta Mall (10 AM- 2 PM)
- x November and December of 2018 – Individual Schools Open Houses (post dates on website)
- x January 11, 2019 – Last day for students to apply
- x January 31, 2019 and February 2, 2019 – Academic Testing
- x February 15, 2019 – Davidson Fine Arts auditions
- x March 1, 2019 – Decision Letter mailed

Magnet School Open House Dates

	Date	Time
ARJ	November 14, 2018	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
RCTCM	November 15, 2018	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 4th or 5th I will have I-Ready results from Harley

February 22nd Round Table for all Magnet Schools

February 27th all acceptance letters need to be in my office for mailing

Late Application (Meeting with Dr. Cobb) Friday, September 13, 2018

- x April 1, 2019 – May 1, 2019 – Late application *(only for schools with openings)
- x May 18, 2019 – Late testing
- x May 28, 2019 – Davidson Auditions
- x June 3, 2019 – Roundtable
- x June 10, 2019 – Final decision letters mailed

2019-20 Magnet Application Process

- x Application open from Nov. 1-Jan. 11
 - Available at www.rcboe.org
- x Magnet Fair @ Augusta Mall
 - Nov. 3 10am-