

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOLS LOTTERY 2010 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT is pleased to announce the opening of this year's lottery enrollment period for Columbus Magnet Schools for the 2010-2011 school year. The application window officially **OPENS** on **Friday, February 26, 2010** through **Friday, March 26, 2010**.

The Columbus Magnet Schools **LOTTERY 2010 APPLICATION** and **NEWSLETTER** will be sent to parents of students in Grades Kindergarten through Fourth on **Tuesday, February 23, 2010**. For more information about the Columbus Magnet Schools Lottery, please contact Dr. Martha Liddell, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education at 662-241-7400 or email liddellm@columbus.k12.ms.us. Applications should be submitted to the district office **in person** or **by mail** to:

Columbus Municipal School District
Post Office Box 1308
2630 McArthur Drive
Columbus, MS, 39703
ATTN: Magnet Schools Programs Office

NEW THIS YEAR—Beginning the 2010-2011 school year, Columbus Schools will re-organize from K-4 Schools to K-5 Schools. Therefore, this year's lottery will include **FOURTH** graders who will be **FIFTH** graders next year. Students who are in Fourth grade this year will have a seat in their current school for next year unless parents complete a lottery application requesting to change schools.

The **DEADLINE** for submitting lottery applications is **Friday, March 26, 2010, at 4:00 P.M.** The application will also be available at www.columbuscityschools.org. The Columbus Magnet School Lottery will be conducted at Brandon Central Services Center on **Friday, April 30, 2010, at 10:00 A.M.** The event is open to the public.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Columbus Municipal School District is pleased to accept **MAGNET SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS** from parents of students who reside within the attendance zones for our school district. For this year's lottery, parents who have a child or children who currently attend a Columbus Magnet School in grades **Kindergarten through Fourth** and are satisfied with his or her placement, you **DO NOT** need to submit a lottery application. Your child will automatically have a seat in his or her current Magnet School for next year.

HOWEVER, parents who meet **ANY** of the criteria listed **BELOW** are asked to submit a **Magnet School Application** to place your child in a Columbus Magnet School for next school year. Parents **SHOULD SUBMIT** a Magnet School Lottery Application for this year's **LOTTERY IF**:

- ❖ You wish to apply for the **PRE-KINDERGARTEN** program; parents must complete a Magnet School Lottery Application and submit enrollment information to Brandon Central Services Center no later than **Monday, March 22, 2010**. Your child must be **FOUR** years old on or before September 1, 2010, to be eligible for the Pre-Kindergarten Program. After completing the enrollment process, parents who wish to enroll their child in the Pre-Kindergarten Program must **BRING**

their child to Brandon Central Services to participate in **PRE-K TESTING** on one of the following dates:

- **Tuesday, March 23, 2010 (4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.)**
- **Wednesday, March 24, 2010 (7:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.)**

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- ❖ Your child will enter **KINDERGARTEN** next year. Your child must be **FIVE** years old on or before September 1, 2010 to enroll in Kindergarten.
 - ❖ Your child is **NEW** to the Columbus Municipal School District. Your child is considered a **NEW** student if he or she **DOES NOT** currently attend Columbus Schools.
 - ❖ Your child was enrolled in **PRE-KINDERGARTEN** this school year. Current Pre-K students **cannot** be assigned to a Kindergarten seat until parents complete a Magnet School Application for Lottery 2010 indicating their school choices.
 - ❖ Your child **CURRENTLY ATTENDS** Columbus Magnet Schools in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade and you wish to **APPLY** to a **DIFFERENT** Magnet School.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

To enroll a **NEW** student including Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students for Columbus Magnet Schools, parents must submit a lottery application and **BRING** the following information with them to central office to **APPLY** for a seat:

- **A certified copy of your child's birth certificate**
- **A copy of your child's Immunization Compliance Form (Form 121)**
- **Two proofs of residency indicating that both the child and parent reside in the Columbus School District. These proofs may include: Mortgage/lease agreement, electric, gas, or telephone bill (land-line only), driver's license, or voter's registration card. The name and address must be the same on BOTH documents.**

COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE & EXPO 2010

Columbus Magnet Schools have planned a very special **OPEN HOUSE & EXPO** experience this year for parents and the community. The **SCHEDULE** for the Columbus Magnet Schools Open Houses follows:



STOKES-BEARD TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION MAGNET SCHOOL

Monday, March 1, 2010

5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

SALE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAGNET SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

FRANKLIN MEDICAL SCIENCES & WELLNESS MAGNET SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

FAIRVIEW AEROSPACE & SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

Thursday, March 4, 2010

5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

COOK FINE ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

Monday, March 8, 2010

5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.