

# COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## **COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOLS** **LOTTERY 2009 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dr. Del R. Phillips, Superintendent of Education, is pleased to announce the opening of this year's lottery enrollment period for Columbus Magnet Schools for the 2009-2010 school year. The application window officially opens for the Magnet Schools **LOTTERY 2009** on Friday, February 27, 2009 through Friday, March 27, 2009. 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**

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](mailto:liddellm@columbus.k12.ms.us). The Magnet Schools Lottery Application and Information Newsletter will be sent to parents of elementary students on February 24, 2009, with the fourth six weeks report card. The application will also be available at [www.columbuscityschools.org](http://www.columbuscityschools.org). The **DEADLINE** for submitting lottery applications is Friday, March 27, 2009, at 4:00 P.M. The **COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOLS LOTTERY** for the 2009-2010 school year will be conducted at Brandon Central Services Center on Friday, April 17, 2009, 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 Third grade 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 23, 2009. Your child must be **FOUR** years old on or before September 1, 2009, to be eligible for the Pre-Kindergarten Program. After completing the enrollment process, parents must **BRING** their child to Brandon Central Services to participate in **PRE-K TESTING** on one of the following dates:
  - **Tuesday, March 24, 2009 (4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.)**
  - **Wednesday, March 25, 2009 (7:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.)**

- ❖ Your child will enter **KINDERGARTEN** next year. Your child must be **FIVE** years old on or before September 1, 2009 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 2009 indicating their school choices.
- ❖ Your child **CURRENTLY ATTENDS** Columbus Magnet Schools in Kindergarten through Third 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 2009

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:



### COOK FINE ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

**Monday, March 2, 2009  
5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.**

### FAIRVIEW AEROSPACE & SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

**Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.**

### FRANKLIN MEDICAL SCIENCES & WELLNESS MAGNET SCHOOL

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.**

### SALE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAGNET SCHOOL

**Thursday, March 5, 2009  
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.**

### STOKES-BEARD TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION MAGNET SCHOOL

**Monday, March 9, 2009  
5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.**