Penn-Griffin School for the Arts

Middle School Program Overview

* **WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL DIFFERENT FROM OTHER MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

The focus of our school is the ARTS. We offer curriculum in Band, Dance, Guitar, Modern Music Production, Orchestra, Piano, Theatre, Vocal Music, and Visual Arts. There is a studio for each of the Arts areas. Sixth grade students choose up to three of the Arts areas to explore. Seventh & Eighth grade students will begin to focus on the art area they are most interested in – their major art area. Students are enrolled in the Arts curriculum for the length of a semester or more. Most Middle Schools will not offer curriculum in the Arts areas listed above or the time in the classroom with the Arts Educator. The high school program is also on the campus of Penn-Griffin School for the Arts. Even though middle and high school students are not in the same classes, some of our performances will include middle and high school students.

* **HOW ARE WE THE SAME AS OTHER MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

The academic curriculum and required courses such as PE are consistent with other middle schools. Spanish and CTE (Career & Technical Education) courses are available. Each grade level has six academic teachers – 2 English/Language Arts, 2 Math, 1 Science, and 1 Social Studies. Students receive academic support throughout the school year, AG, EC, and/or 504. There is a Dress Code, not a Standard Mode of Dress. Middle School students may participate in sports – football (except 6th graders), basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball, track/field, wrestling, cheerleading, and softball. There are clubs available for students to join.

* **APPLICATION**

The online application will be available on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. The link to the online magnet application will be available and posted on the GCS website main page, on the Choice Schools and Programs page as well as other social media outlets.

**Step One:** Click on the link that will take you to the Welcome Page where you will be asked to create a family account. Each family should create ONE family account for all of the children in the household. Families will be required to provide a cell number or email address as part of the application process. Families may select an alternate language to complete the process.

**Step Two:** Complete a separate application for each child who is applying for a magnet program. A list of available schools will appear based on your attendance zone. Select the schools that you wish to apply to and list them in order of preference (you may apply to 3 middle school options). Read the Magnet School procedures carefully before completing the requested information. Once you submit the application, you may not make any further changes.

**What information will I need to have available to complete the application?**

* Mobile/cell phone and/or email address
* Home Address
* GCS Student ID number if enrolled in GCS (student’s lunch number)
* PowerSchool Student ID if enrolled in a charter school
* Current School Name if applicable
* School assignment by attendance zone for next school year (if uncertain, go to the GCS School Assignment Locator

The deadline to submit the application is Friday, November 22. Any applications submitted after that date/time will be classified as late applications and will not be considered in the first round of the selection process.

**When will I know if my child has been offered a magnet seat?**

Families will receive notification of magnet seat offers by Friday, December 6. Notifications will be communicated by email or text according to the notification method selected when families set up their account. Families must accept or decline offers by Friday, December 13. The GCS Student Assignment office will offer magnet seats.

Once a family has accepted an offer from a magnet school, they will receive a link to request transportation and information to complete the enrollment and registration process.

* **MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS ASSIGNMENTS FOR DUPLICATE PROGRAMS**

There are two magnet ARTS middle schools in GCS - Lincoln and Penn-Griffin. If you attend or live in the attendance zone of the one of the following elementary schools, then you would apply to Penn-Griffin:

*Allen Jay, Colfax, Fairview, Florence, Jamestown, Johnson Street, Kirkman Park, Millis Road, Montlieu, Northwood, Oak Hill, Oak Ridge, Parkview, Pilot, Shadybrook, Southern, Southwest, Triangle Lake, and Union Hill.*

* **LOCATION:**

825 Washington Street, High Point, NC Main Office: 336-819-2870

* **CHECK US OUT:**

**Choice Showcase**: Wednesday, October 16, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center

**Tuesday Tours**: October 22 & 29, November 12; Middle School tours begin promptly at 10:00 am. Check in at the main office before start time.

**Open House:** Tuesday, October 29, with tours beginning at 5:30 pm and concluding by 6:30 pm. Registration is in the February 11th Lobby of the Penn Building (1st building to the left once you arrive on the campus). A Performance in the Burford Auditorium begins at 7:00 pm.

* **QUESTIONS**

Contact Kim Spell, Magnet Coordinator and Senior Counselor at spellk2@gcsnc.com