**PENN-GRIFFIN SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS**

**High School Program**

**The Arts Program**

In addition to an Honors and Advanced Placement academic curriculum, Penn-Griffin School for the Arts offers elective courses in eight art disciplines: **Band, Dance, Guitar, Modern Music Production, Orchestra, Theatre Arts, Vocal Music, and Visual Arts**. Unique to Penn-Griffin is the opportunity for students to journey through the arts in one school from sixth grade through twelfth grade. *(NOTE: High School acceptance is based on a comprehensive application process including an audition and interview.)* Upon acceptance into the high school program, the student will continue formal study in his/her art concentration through a supportive environment with other students who share the passion and love for the arts. Check out our school at our website – <http://penngriffin.gcsnc.com>

**Application to Penn-Griffin and General Instructions for Completing the Online Application**

High School Students who are interested in applying to Penn-Griffin will complete and submit an online application by Friday, November 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The application link will be posted on the GCS website main page, on the GCS Magnet/Choice Schools page as well as other social media outlets on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Click on link for application: [Guilford County Schools | SchoolMint](https://gcsnc.schoolmint.net/welcomeback)

* **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. PARENTS/GUARDIANS must create the account NOT STUDENTS.
* **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. Read the Magnet School procedures carefully before completing the requested information. Once you submit the application, you may not make any further changes. You will able to save the application before proceeding to the next application.

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

* Mobile/cell phone and/or **email address (preferred)** NOTE: parent’s email address not student’s 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
* Two recommendations from **teachers – ONE must be from an art educator in the area you are applying to** (PGSA application only) – You will need the name and email address for each teacher
* Students not currently enrolled in GCS may be asked to provide additional documentation – If you are not presently enrolled in a Guilford County School, you will need upload your reports cards or transcript and test scores to your SchoolMint application. Questions – contact Ms. Kim Spell ([spellk2@gcsnc.com](mailto:spellk2@gcsnc.com) or Fax to 336-889-4841).

The deadline to submit the application is Friday, November 22, 2024 by 5:00 pm. 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. *NOTE:* ***See Audition Requirements below.***

**How many schools can I apply to?**

* Each student may apply to five high school options from their list of available choices as they wish. You will be asked to rank order the schools by preference. This rank order will not impact your chances of receiving an offer from each school. However, the rank order will impact whether or not you remain on a waiting list once you receive responses from each school. If you accept an offer, you will remain on the waitlist for any school ranked higher than the school where you accepted the offer, but you will be removed from the waitlist for any school ranked lower.
* Once you have completed the application and clicked submit, modifications to the application will no longer be accepted.
* The application deadline is Friday, November 22, 2024, by 5:00 pm. Any applications submitted after that date/time will be classified as late applications and will not be considered in the initial 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, January 31, 2025. 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, February 7, 2025.

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

**Auditions**

An Audition will be scheduled by the Art Educator. The Audition dates will be Saturday, December 14, 2024. An overview of audition requirements is posted on the school’s website. You must submit your application through SchoolMint by Friday, November 22, to be scheduled for your audition. If you would like to audition in another area – you must contact Ms. Spell at [spellk2@gcsnc.com](mailto:spellk2@gcsnc.com) by Friday, November 22.

**Arts Educators**

Go to our website – <http://penngriffin.gcsnc.com> for an overview of our Arts Educators. Click on Arts and Magnet Info. Also look at our video – “Follow Your Passion to PGSA – A Look at our School”.

**Check Us Out**

* **Choice Showcase – Wednesday, October 16 – 5:30 to 8:00 pm - at the Special Events Center, Greensboro Coliseum.**
* **In-Person Tours: Tuesday, October 22 & 29, November 12. Prospective Middle School Tour begins at 10:00 am and High School begins at 3:00 pm. Check in at the main office.**
* **Open House – Tuesday, October 29; Tours from 5:30 – 6:30 pm; Performance at 7 pm in the Auditorium**

**More Information** – Go to our website or give us a call at 336-819-2870. You may also contact the Choice Coordinator, Ms. Kim Spell at [spellk2@gcsnc.com](mailto:spellk2@gcsnc.com).