

What do I need to know?

Information on Applying to **Elementary and Middle School Magnet Programs**

Where do I go to get information about my magnet options?

The [Magnet Schools webpage](#) has more information about the magnet options available.

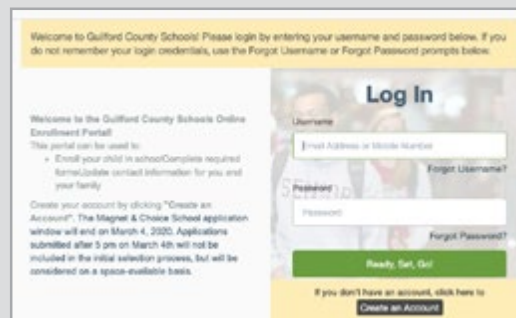
Families may also get an in-depth look at magnet and choice schools during the **Virtual Choice Showcase, happening Feb. 1-5**. Schools will host Q&A sessions and provide videos and other materials to help inform parents and students about the opportunities they provide. The Virtual Choice Showcase can be found through gcsnc.com.

How do I access the online magnet application?

Beginning on Jan. 14 at 8 a.m., the link to the online magnet application will be available and posted on the GCS website home page, on the Magnet Schools' page and shared through multiple social media outlets. You can also go to gcsnc.schoolmint.net.

STEP ONE:

Clicking on [this link](#) will take you to a 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 phone 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 based on your attendance zone will appear. Select the schools that you wish to apply to and list them in order of preference. Read the Magnet Schools procedures carefully before completing the requested information. Once you submit the application, you may not make any further changes so fill in each area carefully.

The magnet application window is **Jan. 14 to March 3, 2021**. Apply at gcsnc.schoolmint.net!

What information will I need to have available as I am completing the application?

- Mobile/cell phone number and/or email address
- Home address
- GCS Student ID number if student is currently enrolled in GCS (same as student's lunch number)
- PowerSchool Student ID number if student is currently enrolled in a charter school
- Current school name if applicable
- School assignment by attendance zone for next school year (use the [School Assignment Locator](#) if unsure)

If applying to **Brown Summit Middle Center for Advanced Academics**, students will also need to upload the following documents:

- An electronic copy of your most recent, final report card
- An electronic copy of this year's most recent report card
- An electronic copy of your most recent math and reading EOG scores

How many schools can I apply to?

Each child may apply for up to **three** elementary magnet schools. You will be asked to rank order the schools by preference. Select your first choice school as number one.

Each child may apply for up to **three** middle school magnet programs unless they wish to apply for Brown Summit Middle Center for Advanced Academics. If Brown Summit is one of the selected schools, families may select up to **four** choices. Brown Summit Center for Advanced Academics has a separate criteria-based application that is not part of the magnet lottery so if selected, Brown Summit should be listed as the student's **last choice**. This will not impact the selection process for Brown Summit and will ensure that the student also has a chance to be considered for his/her first choice in the lottery.

Pre-kindergarten students may apply to the Montessori program available to them based on their home address.

The application deadline is March 3, 2021, at 5 p.m.

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 March 31, 2021. 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 April 8 2021.

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.

Who do I contact if I need help?

For technical assistance, contact support@schoolmint.com.

For school assignment questions, contact the Student Assignment Office (336-370-8303).

For questions about specific school programs, contact the school directly.

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