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# Memo

**To:** Principals

**From:** Dr. Jerome Hudson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services *JH*

**Date:** July 28, 2016

**Re:** Magnet Program Beginning 2016-2017 School Year

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The purpose of this memorandum is to outline and/or clarify the magnet program in Anderson School District Five. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the magnet program will include the elementary schools and Southwood Academy of the Arts. Parents of children applying for magnet status should be informed that their children will have to return to their zoned school for their middle and high school years. Elementary students' magnet status will end upon completion of the fifth grade. Parents choosing to apply to Southwood Academy of the Arts should apply during their child's fifth grade year. If a student is attending school out of their zoned attendance area, there should be no expectation of continuing into the middle and high schools of that particular attendance cluster.

Requesting a Zone Exception should not become a method of getting around the discontinuation of the magnet program in middle and high schools. Granting Zone Exceptions will be rare, and will depend on extenuating and verifiable circumstances.

The following statement will be added to the Zone Exception, "If your child is interested in playing a sport, it is the parent's responsibility to check with the school's Athletic Director or the South Carolina High School League [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org) regarding eligibility requirements. The validity of zone exceptions is subject to investigation, and if it is determined that the applicant gave false or misleading information, the student may be required to return to his or her zoned school and lose one year of athletic eligibility."

The Office of Student Services will add a statement to the Magnet Form outlining this change in policy. Please contact me for questions or concerns.