



Anderson School District Five
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the Magnet Program will include the elementary schools and Southwood Academy of the Arts. As a result, parents of children applying for magnet status should be aware 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. Students attending school out of their zoned attendance area should have no expectation of continuing into the middle and high schools of that particular attendance cluster.

Requesting an Affidavit of Custody or Zone Exception should not become a method of getting around the discontinuation of the magnet program in middle and high schools. Granting exceptions will be rare and will depend on extenuating and verifiable circumstances. The validity of affidavits of custody and 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.

Parents choosing to apply to Southwood Academy of the Arts should apply during their child's fifth grade year.

In Anderson School District Five, we are proud of the quality education that is provided in all of our schools for all of our children. Please contact me for questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome A. Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Jerome A. Hudson

Assistant Superintendent for Student Services