APPLICATION WINDOW

The 2015 magnet application window is January 5 - February 28, 2015.

Ways to Apply

Online at www.anderson5.net
• The application link becomes available beginning 8:00 a.m. on January 5th of each school year. The link can be found on the District Five homepage and on the homepage of all District Five Schools.
• T.L. Hanna IB, Westside Early College, and Anderson Five Charter School may require additional application requirements and will contact families with more information after an application is submitted.

Paper/Pencil—Paper applications will be available at all schools and the District Office for parents who do not have access to a computer or the internet.
• Paper applications must be turned in or mailed to the District Office at 400 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC 29625 by February 28.
• Applications turned in to the school or the District Office must be done so by 3:00 p.m. on February 27. There will be no exceptions so as to be fair and consistent.

Parents applying online will receive an email confirming receipt of their application. If a confirmation is not received, they should try resubmitting their application. Parents applying by paper will be given a copy of their application at the time they return it.

Families Moving into Area After Magnet Application Window

If a family moves within District Five after the magnet application window and the school that the family wishes to attend has seats, the family may apply before school starts.

Reasons to Apply

• I want my child to attend a magnet school that is not in the zone in which we currently live. (You may find out your child’s zoned school by going to the following website, http://www.anderson5.net. On the left-hand side of the screen, click Find Your School Zone by Address.)
• I want my rising 6th grader to attend his/her elementary magnet school’s feeder middle school or another magnet middle school that is outside of our school zone.
• I am planning to move out of the school zone that my child currently attends and wish for him/her to continue to attend the school next school year.
• I want my non-magnet child to have a second option if he/she is not automatically accepted to the school that my magnet child is currently attending and will attend next school year. When applying, only select the school of second choice.

Reasons Not to Apply

• I want my child who is a magnet student to continue attending his/her magnet school. (Magnet students will renew their magnet status by completing a renewal form not an online application.)
• I am not sure if I need to complete an online application. (If you have questions, please contact your child’s school or Management & Testing Services.)

REASONS FOR DISMISSAL

Principals have the right to recommend the dismissal of magnet students based on their academic achievement, attendance, discipline, or the lack of parent cooperation after issuing a formal warning, requiring that the student return to their zoned school. Students may be dismissed if any of the following result:

• Truancy (as defined by Policy JH) and/or tardiness (10 within a semester)
• Two or more failing grades at the end of the semester
• Continuous disruptive behavior
• Lack of parent cooperation i.e. failing to attend scheduled conferences or return phone calls

The administration of Anderson School District Five takes pride in all of its schools and considers the magnet program a privilege.
OVERVIEW

The district's magnet schools offer a variety of programs that can be chosen to fit the talents and interests of the students of Anderson School District Five.

Students learn the same state and district content standards and participate in the same testing programs as all other Anderson Five students. Magnet schools teach the curriculum by using strategies centered around their magnet theme. Students follow the normal elementary school arrival and dismissal schedule.

Admission is open to all eligible students. The option to attend any other district school as long as space is available. Students from outside of Distriect Five may apply to a magnet school on a space available basis and will be required to pay tuition. However, District Five students will be given priority.

Students may apply to a maximum of two schools only once during an application year.

Students are not selected on a first-come, first-served basis. A lottery is used when there are more applications than available slots. A lottery number is assigned per application. Available slots may be different at each grade level and each magnet school depending on current enrollment.

Non-magnet siblings of magnet students who will return to the school the following school year may apply to automatically attend their brother or sister's magnet school, pending space availability. The exceptions to this rule are the schools listed: T.L. Hanna IB and Westside Early College. A second application is required for these schools.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for magnet students is not provided by Anderson School District Five. Parents must provide for their child's transportation.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AND SPECIAL NEEDS ELIGIBILITY

Magnet school acceptance MAY affect your child's eligibility to participate in academic and/or school sports. It is the parent's responsibility to check with the South Carolina High School League regarding eligibility requirements. You may visit www.SCHSL.org for additional information.

Special education students who are able to learn in a regular classroom setting are eligible to attend.

MAGNET RENEWAL AND AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE OF NON-MAGNET SIBLING

Once a student is selected into a magnet school, he/she does not have to re-apply each year. However, every year parents must renew their magnet status by completing a renewal form. Also, this form is the means that non-magnet siblings apply to automatically attend their brother or sister's magnet school. Parents will be notified through School Messenger prior to the forms being sent home.

- Students who fail to renew their magnet slots by the deadline will be re-assigned to their zoned school.

Acceptance letters will be mailed to non-magnet siblings but not to magnet students who renew their magnet status.

RANDOM LOTTERY

A random lottery will be held on March 11, at the District Five Office, at 5:00 p.m. Parents will find out where their child ranks in the school's magnet selection order. They will not learn if their child has been accepted; however, this gives them a general idea about their child's chance of acceptance.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

All principals will review applicants' current standing (grades, attendance, and behavior) before accepting students. Some students may be accepted on a conditional basis.

NOTIFICATION

Parents will receive notification of acceptance status via U.S. mail by March 27. It is important for parents to ensure that mailing addresses on the application are correct.

REQUIRED RESPONSE OF PARENTS

Whether a student is accepted or not, parents need to read and respond to the Commitment Form that is on the bottom of the acceptance letter by April 10. If a parent does not respond by the deadline date, the slot will be offered to the next student on the waiting list.

- For students ACCEPTED, the form confirms their seat.
- For students NOT ACCEPTED, the form confirms that they wish to be placed on the waiting list.

APPLICATION OF TWO SCHOOLS

If a student applies to two schools and is...

- Accepted to his/her 1st choice, he/she is not considered for the school of 2nd choice.
- Not accepted to the school of his/her 1st choice, but to the school of his/her 2nd choice, he/she must choose whether to be placed on the waiting list of the 1st choice or attend the school of 2nd choice.
- Not accepted to either choice, he/she can choose to be placed on a waiting list; however, he/she must choose only one school.

The waiting list will be maintained through the Friday before Labor Day of the next school year.

DECISION NOT TO ATTEND AFTER COMMITTING TO ATTEND

If a student decides not to attend a magnet school after committing to attend, parents are expected to directly notify the District Office or school. Once administration is notified, you have surrendered your slot at that magnet school.

NON MAGNET RENEWAL

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