

# APPLYING TO MAGNET ACADEMIES



Promote a culturally linguistic,  
inclusive and safe environment for all  
to focus on teaching and learning.

Deliver a highly-engaging and rigorous  
innovative curriculum.

Work collaboratively with business  
and community to enrich student  
experience.

Sustain high levels of achievement for  
students enrolled in magnet  
programs.

Provide exemplary service that  
supports students' academic and  
social emotional growth.

# U-46 Magnet Academy Goals

In alignment with the Equity Policy of School District U-46, the strategic plan and in support of democratic ideals, the U-46 High School Magnet Programs are committed to providing an empathetic and progressive educational environment that embraces the diversity amongst students, staff, and community members. U-46 High School Magnet Programs will recruit and support students of diverse backgrounds, intentionally maintain a culturally competent curriculum, and value the unique perspectives and life experiences of all stakeholders so that our students will become leaders capable of engaging in a diverse, global society.

# U-46 Magnet Academy Diversity Statement

# U-46 has worked in phases to achieve Magnet Academy Goals and align to the Magnet Academy Diversity Statement.

## Phase 1 SY 2018-2019

- Transition from Pocket Academies to Magnet Academies adopting the Magnet Schools of America framework
- Developed a Diversity Statement/Goals and review the admission criteria for magnet programs in U-46



## Phase 2 Spring of 2020

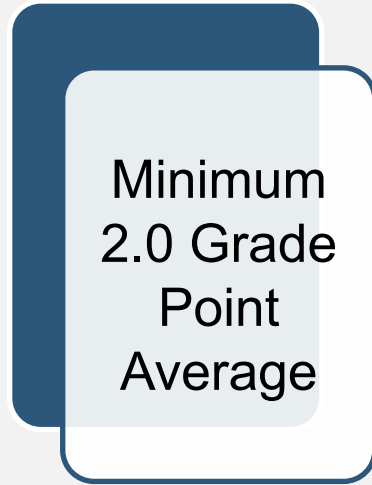
- Removed Magnet Academy fee from student fees for school year 2020-2021 and beyond
- Revised Magnet Academy admission criteria to eliminate barriers:
  - Academic testing
  - Inconsistent selection criteria
  - Subjective interviews
  - Formal training requirements
  - Culturally biased rubrics



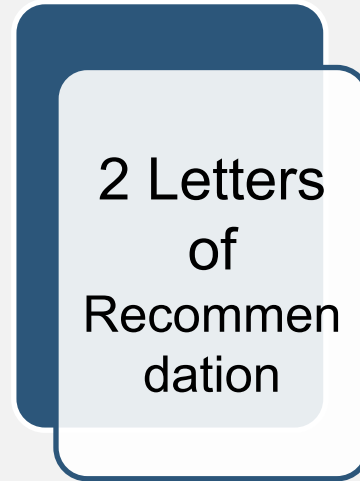
## Phase 3 August 2020

- Redesigned U-46 Magnet Academies admission criteria/selection process which includes:
  - District wide, transparent admission criteria and selection process
  - School Mint - Enrollment Management System (Lottery Process)

# U-46 Magnet Application Minimum Requirements



Minimum  
2.0 Grade  
Point  
Average



2 Letters  
of  
Recommen  
dation

*\*Fall 2021: if student is concerned about GPA requirement, meet with your MS Counselor prior to applying.*

# The Application Process

## Preferences

- **Preferences** allow for students in these categories to gain automatic acceptance into the magnet program *provided they meet the minimum qualifications.*

## Priorities

- **Priorities** allow for students to gain additional entries into the lottery *if they meet the minimum qualifications and show evidence of meeting the additional criteria.*

# U-46 Magnet Academy Application Preferences and Priorities

## Preferences

- **Sibling:** students with a 9th-11th grade sibling enrolled in the academy
- **Project Access:** students who are homeless or in a temporary living situation

## Priorities

- **Geographic Location:** students who live in the geographic boundaries of the school (1)
- **Program Participation:** students who participate in identified middle school coursework, extra curricular activities, or community based programming (1)
- **Free or Reduced Lunch:** students who receive free or reduced lunch (2)

*\*The maximum number of additional entries a student can obtain is 4.*

# Priority Opportunities

Middle School  
Coursework

Extra-Curricular  
Activities

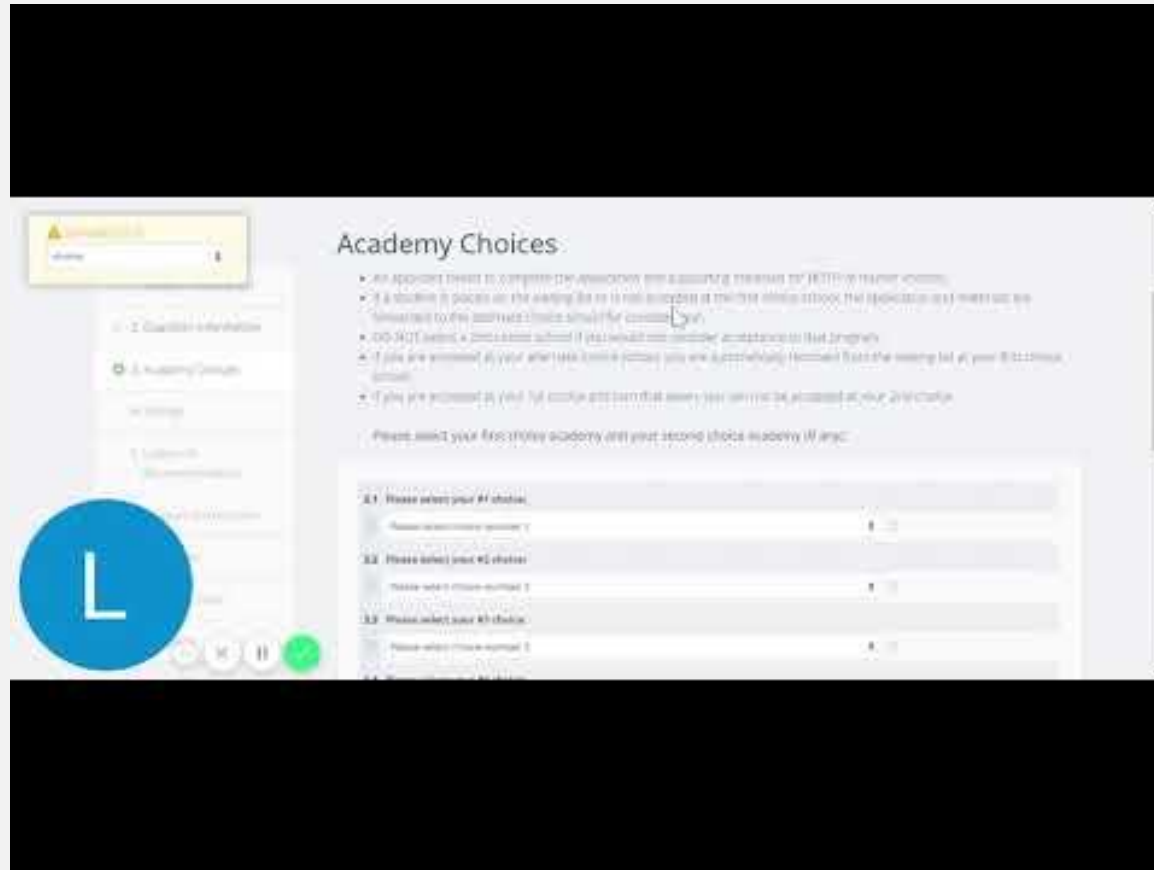
Community  
Based  
Opportunities

**Share  
Experiences  
Related to  
Program  
Theme**



# How does the application process work?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CsVaPoRycY>



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# Magnet Academy Timeline

| 2021 - 2022 Dates                 | Events   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| September 13                      | Academy Virtual Open Houses Week   |
| September 20                      | Learn about Magnet Academies <a href="#">Videos on website</a>                       |
| September 20                      | Magnet Academy Application Opens   |
| October 22                        | Magnet Academy Application Closes at 11:59 pm  |
| November 8                        | Lottery Runs and Acceptance/Regret letters letters are e-mailed (through SchoolMint) |
| November 15                       | Acceptance Due   |
| December 13 - 17<br>January 4 - 7 | Course selection for 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students                                  |



**THANK  
YOU**