



Durham Public Schools - Calendar (Year-Round) Magnet Schools **Frequently Asked Lottery Questions**

Q: Q: Can a family residing outside of Durham County submit a magnet school lottery application for their student(s)?

A: The parent/legal guardian or custodian must be domiciled in Durham during the published application window, and be able to provide proof of residency to verify this requirement.

Q: What is a calendar magnet school?

A: A calendar magnet school is a school that is on a year-round calendar offering the same instructional program as a traditional school, but the calendar is divided into 9-week quarters with a 3-week break (intersession) at the end of each quarter.

Q: How many calendar magnet schools are there?

A: There are three elementary, one middle and one secondary (6-12).

Q: Once my child has enrolled in his/her assigned year-round school, can my child remain there until they complete all grades at the school?

A: Board Policy #4133.1, Assignment to Calendar Magnet (Year-Round) Schools states that once a student is enrolled at a calendar magnet (year round) school, the student will be eligible for continued enrollment for the duration of grades at that school, as long as the student is domiciled in the assigned year-round region and their enrollment is continuous. If the student withdraws or enrolls at any other school, he or she will lose their assignment. Relocating outside the region of the assigned school will also result in loss of assignment. However, if the student maintains good behavior, grades and attendance, he or she may remain at the assigned school until the end of that school year.

Q: How many magnet schools/programs can be selected on the one application submitted?

A: A student may select up to 3 magnet schools/programs including any combination of a calendar magnet, program magnet or CTE Pathway (if applicable/rising 9th and 10 grade applicants only). The school/program selections must be ranked by the applicant and will be processed in order of ranking.

Q: How many lottery seats are available?

A: This varies from school to school and grade level to grade level. The largest number of seats is available at the entry grade level of the school. For example, Easley's entry grade level is Kindergarten, while Rogers-Herr is the sixth grade. In addition, Holt and Easley have attendance zones meaning that a number of seats must be reserved to anticipate the number of students who will enroll throughout the upcoming school year.

Q: Can I change my school selection(s), student data, etc., after I submit my magnet school/program application?

A: You may change your school selection(s) and update your address, etc. until the application closes on the last day of the published deadline by updating the online application previously submitted.

Q: How will I know that my magnet school application has been received?

A: Once you have submitted your student's online application, you will receive a confirmation indicating the application has been successfully submitted. You may also check the "dashboard" tab in the top right hand corner of your application or the confirmation page to review school selections and the rank of the selections.

Q: What happens if I fail to accept or decline my student's lottery seat by the published deadline?

A: Your child will lose his/her lottery seat. An unclaimed seat will be automatically marked as a declined seat.

Q: If my child is not assigned during the March lottery, will he/she be assigned at later date?

A: Yes, all applicants who are not assigned during the March lottery will be "wait listed". If students decline their lottery seat, students on the wait list will be seated in the order they are listed on the wait list. The last day to assign students to all calendar magnet school is the last business day of June, prior to the beginning of school.

Q: How many lotteries are available for calendar magnet schools?

A: One lottery will be conducted with results posted on March 1st. Applicants not assigned to a school at this time will be "wait listed" If a lottery seat is declined, applicants will move up on the wait list and receive an assignment through e-mail notification with a deadline to accept or decline.

Q: What are the calendar magnet school options for my student?

A: Please see the options below.

A calendar magnet school (year-round) is assigned to the student dependent on where he/she resides. If the school has an attendance zone and the student resides in that zone, he/she has automatic assignment. If the student is not in the attendance zone, his or her calendar magnet option to apply is dependent on the region in which the student resides. Holt and Easley have base attendance zones, as well as an assignment region. Pearsons town and Rogers-Herr have assignment regions only, in which all seats are filled through the application and lottery process. Holt Language Academy Calendar Magnet is district wide for rising Kindergarten and First Graders and The School for Creative Studies is district wide. Both schools offer a magnet program and a calendar magnet option.

ELEMENTARY (YEAR-ROUND) CALENDAR MAGNET SCHOOLS

Holt Language Academy and Year-Round Magnet Elementary School

Holt has an assigned attendance zone and identified region of eligibility. Students who reside in the attendance zone have automatic enrollment for grades K-5. Students residing in the Holt region may apply for all grade levels and students residing district wide may apply for the Language Academy for grades K-2 only for the 2015-16 school year, K-3 for the 2016-17 school year, K-4 for the 2017-18 school year and K-5 for the 2018-19 school year. Students from within Holt's region will receive first consideration to all grades during the application/lottery process. The region consist of schools from Eastway, Glenn, Little River, Mangum, Merrick-Moore, Oak Grove, Spring Valley and parts of Eno Valley and Hillandale attendance zones.

****** Rising 6th grade applicants from Holt Language and Calendar Magnet Elementary will receive a calendar priority link to The School for Creative Studies, if the school is selected as their first choice on the application. Rising 6th grade applicants from Holt Language and Calendar Magnet will receive a program priority link (second assignment in the lottery process) to Shepard IB Middle Magnet if the school is ranked as their first choice on the application.**

Only students residing in the Holt and Easley regions will receive transportation services to Holt Calendar Magnet School.

Easley Year-Round Elementary School

Easley has an assigned attendance zone and serves applicants regionally from most of the Eno Valley and Hillandale Elementary attendance zones. These

students must apply through the application and lottery process. (You may contact the Student Assignment Office to find out which parts of the Eno Valley and Hillandale attendance zones attend which year-round school). Students in Easley's assigned attendance zone may attend automatically.

****** Rising 6th grade applicants from Easley Calendar Magnet Elementary will receive a priority link to The School for Creative Studies, if the school is selected and ranked as their first choice on the application.**

Transportation is provided regionally.

Pearsontown Year-Round Elementary School

Pearsontown has no assigned attendance zone, but the school serves students regionally. Only students who reside within the region of Bethesda, Creekside, Fayetteville Street, Forest View, Hope Valley, Lakewood, Parkwood, W.G. Pearson, E.K. Powe, Y.E. Smith, Southwest and C.C. Spaulding attendance zones may apply.

****** Rising 6th grade applicants from Pearsontown Calendar Magnet Elementary will receive a priority link to Rogers-Herr, if the school is selected and ranked as their first choice on the application.**

Transportation is provided regionally.

SECONDARY (YEAR ROUND) CALENDAR MAGNET SCHOOLS

The School for Creative Studies Arts and Calendar Magnet School (Grades 6-12)

The School for Creative Studies has no attendance zone, and serves applicants district wide.

******* Rising 6th grade applicants from Holt and Easley Calendar Magnet Schools will receive a priority link to The School for Creative Studies, if this school is ranked as their first choice on the application.**

Transportation is provided district wide with modified bus routes/bus stops that are similar to group and pathway bus stops.

Rogers-Herr Calendar Magnet Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Rogers-Herr does not have an assigned attendance zones, but serves applicants regionally. Only students who reside within the region of Bethesda, Creekside, Fayetteville Street, Forest View, Hope Valley, Lakewood, Parkwood, W. G. Pearson, E. K. Powe, Y.E. Smith, Southwest and C.C. Spaulding attendance zones are eligible to apply.

****** Rising 6th grade applicants from Pearsontown Calendar Magnet Elementary will receive a calendar priority link to Rogers-Herr, if this school is ranked as the first choice on the application.**

Transportation is provided regionally.

Transportation within the attendance zones and regions will be provided with the exception of The School for Creative Studies, whereas transportation is provided district wide with express bus routes/stops that are similar to pathway bus stops and group stops. Transportation for any approved student transfer is not provided by the school district. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian.

Q: Are there any lottery assignment priorities provided?

A: Yes. Please see bullets in assignment order below for a description-

- A sibling attending priority is an assignment given to applicants who have a sibling currently attending the year-round school and who will be attending during the upcoming school year.
- A link priority is an assignment providing a natural link from one year-round elementary school to a year-round middle school. Pearsontown Elementary Calendar Magnet is linked to Rogers-Herr Middle Calendar Magnet and Holt Language Academy Calendar Magnet and Easley Elementary Calendar Magnet are linked to The School for Creative Studies.
- A sibling applying priority is given to applicants when siblings apply to the same calendar magnet school and different calendar magnet schools during the same application period and one sibling is selected. If there is space availability for the other sibling(s), he or she will be selected over the general applicant pool. All siblings in the applicant group must be assigned during the same lottery or none of the group will be assigned. If parents do not want this priority, they should not list siblings under the sibling applying question on the application. This will allow siblings to be considered in the lottery as a single applicant applying.

*** Applicants must submit an application and rank their selections as their first choice to be considered for any of the priorities.**

*** Please note that there is no guarantee of assignment for either sibling priorities, or link priority, as seats must be available at the grade level(s) requested.**

- Q: Can a student from outside Durham Public Schools apply for the magnet lottery?

A: No. Students who are domiciled outside Durham County cannot apply for a calendar magnet school. However, if you relocate to Durham County after the published application deadline, you will be eligible to submit a late magnet application for magnet schools that have available seats and no applicant pool. This process may be completed by coming to the Office of Student Assignment and presenting your proof of residency in the form of a lease or deed and your picture ID. The applicant will be placed on a wait list for the schools applied for and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis if a magnet seat becomes available.