

School Admission Policy for Lawton Chiles Middle Academy

The admission process for Lawton Chiles Middle Academy is outlined in School Board Policy 6Gx53-4.017 MAGNET SCHOOLS. In this policy it states the following:

Applications will be accepted during three prescribed application periods each year. ***(Note: families must reside in the zoned area for the magnet school. Other than this stipulation there are no entrance criteria. Any parent in the zoned area may submit an application; students are not selected by grades or ability.)*** These periods will run for the duration of four weeks each. The first application period of each year shall be called the open enrollment period. All applications received during the first week of this application period are considered to be the same date for the purposes of establishing priority. If more students apply during this period than seats are available, a computer will assign a number for each student by grade to execute a random sort. This week is referred to as the lottery week and will occur once annually. Students who apply after the first week of the open enrollment period will be assigned a number based on postmark of application. The second application period shall be considered the summer application period and the third application period considered the fall application period. These application periods will be executed in the same manner as the open enrollment period with the exception of the lottery week. No hand deliveries will be accepted since each application must be submitted electronically.

A waiting list for each school will be maintained through the Office of Magnet, Choice and Charter Schools. Students will be notified when a vacancy occurs at their grade in the order of the waiting list number assigned to them. If a student is not selected for entry into a magnet program in the year for which he/she has applied, his or her priority status may be maintained for the following year. Applicants may request to have their name removed from the waiting list.

All students who make application for a magnet school are given a priority number for the grade and school of application. This number only applies for that grade, and school.

Children of employees at a magnet school shall be considered for admission into that magnet school.

While there are no admission requirements into the magnet school, individual school sites may require parents and/or students to sign contracts of commitment and expectation.

Students who are enrolled in the elementary magnet schools and are eligible for promotion will move automatically into the related zoned middle school magnet as listed below. For the purpose of student enrollment, Lincoln Academy and Lawton Chiles Middle Academy are treated as a single site.

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