



GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Elementary and Middle School Choice

**2016-2017
Magnet Application Season**

Magnet Schools

Hamilton Avenue School

International School at Dundee

Julian Curtiss School

New Lebanon School

Western Middle School

www.greenwichschools.org/MagnetSchools
Greenwich, CT

Overview of the Greenwich Public Schools Magnet Application Guidelines

The Greenwich Public Schools (GPS) provides an opportunity for families to choose to send their children to one of five elementary or middle magnet schools through an annual application process. The GPS Magnet program is designed to:

1. provide parents and students with options to personalize educational opportunities based on individual preferences
2. balance enrollment among the elementary and middle schools on a voluntary basis

Programs and Services: GPS Magnet Schools provide the same curriculum, programs and services as all other Greenwich public elementary/middle schools. In addition, magnet schools offer a particular instructional framework and/or features that are unique to the individual schools.

Lottery Process: Each of the GPS Magnet schools are also neighborhood schools, with students enrolled from within the designated attendance area. A limited number of magnet seats are available by application for students residing outside the magnet schools' attendance areas. If more applications are received than there are seats available, a lottery is conducted.

Applicant Eligibility: Any resident of the Town of Greenwich with school-age children is eligible to apply to a GPS Magnet School. Non-resident Town of Greenwich (TOG) employees are also eligible to apply to GPS magnet schools; Non-resident TOG applications will be considered after Greenwich resident applications are filled.

To learn more about the magnet school application process and the magnet programs at each school:

- explore this brochure
- visit the District and School web sites
- attend a Magnet School Open House in January 2016
- contact a magnet school Principal

Magnet School Application Deadline is February 5, 2016

For more details and a Magnet School application, visit the GPS web site at: www.greenwichschools.org/MagnetSchools

HAMILTON AVENUE SCHOOL

STEM Magnet School



Hamilton Avenue School (HAS) is the District's first Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) school. STEM education ignites interest and uses an inquiry approach to develop the skills and knowledge that prepares students for expanding college and career opportunities. In a state-of-the-art building, built in 2009, with a science lab and television studio, HAS was one of the first two Greenwich Public Schools to launch a Digital Learning Environment in 2012. HAS offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, Suzuki Violin (PreK-5), and smaller average class sizes in grades K and 1.

HAS Open House Schedule

January 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. (snow date: Jan. 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m.)
January 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Jan. 28, 2016, 7:00 p.m.)

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184 Hamilton Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
203-869-1685
www.greenwichschools.org/HAS

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AT DUNDEE

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Magnet School

A Community of Global Learning



The International School at Dundee (ISD) is the District's first authorized International Baccalaureate World School, offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The magnet program presents the GPS curriculum in a holistic, inquiry-based framework, which makes connections among subject areas with an emphasis on global perspectives. A Connecticut School of Distinction, ISD offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, and cultural partnerships with well-known organizations, such as the Connecticut Ballet, the Audubon Center, and the Guggenheim Museum.

ISD Open House Schedule

January 21, 2016, 9:15 a.m. (snow date: Jan. 22, 2016, 9:15 a.m.)
January 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Jan. 26, 2016, 7:00 p.m.)

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55 Florence Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878
203-637-3800
www.greenwichschools.org/ISD

JULIAN CURTISS SCHOOL

Magnet School of World Languages

60 Countries and 30 Languages in 1 Great School



Julian Curtiss School (JCS) offers world language instruction in grades K-5 in either Spanish or French and has been described as “the little United Nations School of Greenwich” in the *New York Times*. The student body and staff represent nearly 60 different countries and 30 different languages. This diversity is recognized and celebrated as a source of strength and a reflection of the world. Building on the strength of this international foundation, JCS provides a rigorous academic curriculum, a partnership with Teachers College Columbia University, and a strong social-emotional learning framework in a personalized learning environment.

JCS Open House Schedule

January 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Jan. 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m.)
January 20, 2016, 9:15 a.m. (snow date: Jan. 27, 2016, 9:15 a.m.)

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180 East Elm Street, Greenwich, CT 06830
203-869-1896
www.greenwichschools.org/JCS

NEW LEBANON SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Magnet School

Many Cultures • One Community



New Lebanon School (NLS) is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The magnet program presents the GPS curriculum in a holistic, inquiry-based framework, which makes connections among subject areas with an emphasis on global perspectives. NLS offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, Teachers College Columbia University Reading and Writing Workshop, and partnerships with local community organizations, including the Byram Schubert Library, the Greenwich Boys and Girls Club, and Byram Archibald Neighborhood Center (BANC).

NLS Open House Schedule

January 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Jan. 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m.)
January 15, 2016, 8:30 a.m. (snow date: Jan. 29, 2016, 8:30 a.m.)

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www.greenwichschools.org/NLS

WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Magnet School



Western Middle School (WMS) is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School, offering the Middle Years Programme (MYP). The MYP provides a framework of academic rigor that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, becoming critical and reflective thinkers. The foundation of the MYP is the belief that all students can be taught to be independent problem-solvers with strong study-skills. WMS also offers AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination,) a college readiness program.

WMS Open House Schedule

January 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m. (snow date: Jan. 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m.)

January 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Jan. 28, 2016, 7:00 p.m.)

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