The Westerville City School District Magnet Program is a voluntary elementary option offering an instructional program to students in grades 1-5 who have a particular interest and desire to experience education through a focused curriculum. The Magnet Program consists of three different curricula options: Math/Science, Arts, and World Cultures. The Math/Science and Arts programs are housed at Hanby while World Cultures is housed at Emerson. While the Magnet program is open to any WCSD student, there are limited seats available. Students may apply for enrollment in one of the three programs through a random selection process. All three programs emphasize a cooperative learning environment in a small school setting and include instruction in all major subject areas similar to our other elementary schools. The Emerson World Cultures Program offers one class per grades 1-5. The Hanby Arts and Math/Science programs offer one class for each program per grades 1-5.

Magnet Program Choices

Mathematics & Science Program
The Math/Science program provides children with a curriculum in which they experience and communicate mathematics and science as an integral part of everyday life. This program will be located at Hanby Elementary School.

Arts Program
The Arts program focuses on teaching academic content integrated with the arts, including the areas of movement, theatre, music, visual arts, and the literary arts. Students have opportunities to learn district curriculum enhanced through an exposure to and integration of the arts in all academic areas. This program is located at Hanby Elementary School.

World Cultures Program
The World Cultures program integrates the worldwide cultures into the academic content of math, science, language arts, social studies, and the arts. The program enhances cognitive and social growth and develops understanding of diverse people and cultures. This program is located at Emerson Elementary School.

Magnet Program Application Procedures

Date	Event
April 18, 2022 @ 5 p.m.	Application Deadline

- **All applications must be completed by April 18, 2022 @ 5 p.m.**
- Notifications will be mailed home the week of May 2.
- If your child does not currently attend a Westerville City Elementary School, he/she must reside in the Westerville City School district and be registered for the 2022-2023 school year prior to submitting an application for the magnet school program. Please visit our website at www.wcsoh.org/enroll to begin the registration process.
- A separate application needs to be completed for each child.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Magnet School Program

How can I find more information on the various Magnet programs?

A Magnet School Fair and Open House will be held at each building on March 16, 2022 at the following times:

- **Emerson Elementary:** 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Hanby Elementary:** 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

You can also visit each school's website, which can be reached through the following link: www.wcsoh.org/magnet.

What is the Magnet Program lottery timeline?

- March 25, 2022 – Deadline to complete applications
- April 8, 2022 – Notification letters & email sent to all applicants
- April 15, 2022 – DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING OFFER

Will my application be accepted after the March 25, 2022 deadline?

No. We will make NO EXCEPTIONS to the March 25, 2022 deadline.

Do the Magnet Programs teach the same curriculum as the other Westerville City Schools?

Yes. The Magnet Programs teach the same district/state mandated curriculum as the other Westerville City Schools. The Magnet approach is in regards to the integration of the specific Magnet focus within the state mandated academic curriculum.

Are siblings of Magnet Program students given priority placement in the magnet program?

There is no priority placement for siblings.

Once a child is accepted into the Magnet Program, is it necessary to reapply each year?

No, but in February each school year an email is sent to parents asking whether they would like to have their child remain in the Magnet Program.

What procedures are followed if a child is on the waiting list for the Magnet Program?

Any available seats will be offered to the next student on the waitlist.

Is transportation provided for students attending the Magnet Program?

Yes. Bus transportation is provided for students to and from the Magnet Schools unless the student lives within walking distance of the attending magnet school or has a direct bus. Students could possibly ride transfer buses to get to and from the Magnet School. Magnet Schools are on a slightly (5-10 minutes) later schedule as other elementary schools in Westerville.

How many Magnet Programs may I apply to?

One.

How do I know that my application was received?

The system will send an email response to the email address provided in the online application.

Is there a school-age childcare program (YWCA Kids Place) available at the Magnet Schools?

No, parents need to make such arrangements through the program at their home school or the Westerville YWCA.

What occurs if I accept an offer?

Once a student has accepted an offer to a Magnet Program, that school will notify the student's attending school that the student will be at the Magnet School for the next academic year. The attending school sends student records to the Magnet School and removes the student from its roster.

Can my child return to his/her home school after accepting an offer to attend a Magnet Program?

It is expected that a student complete at least one year in the Magnet Program. Requests for an earlier return are handled on an individual basis. There is no guarantee that the home school can accept a returning student if space is not available at the home school. It is advised that parents check with the home school prior to making any withdrawal decisions.