

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the Magnet Program?

The Westerville City School District Magnet Program is a voluntary elementary option offering an instructional program to students in grades 1-5 for those who have a particular interest and desire to experience education through a focused curriculum. The Magnet Program offers three different curricula options: Math/Science, Arts, and World Cultures. The Math/Science and Art programs are housed at Hanby Elementary School while World Cultures is housed at Emerson Elementary School.

## How can I find out more information about the various Magnet Programs?

- Visit the Magnet Programs webpage on the district web site at [www.wcsoh.org/magnet](http://www.wcsoh.org/magnet)
- Call:
  - Emerson Elementary  
World Cultures Program: (614) 797-7080
  - Hanby Elementary  
Arts & Math/Science Programs: (614) 797-7100

## How do I get an application?

Applications will be available online in the winter of each school year at [www.wcsoh.org/magnet](http://www.wcsoh.org/magnet).

**ADDITIONAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED IN THE PROGRAM OVERVIEW ON THE MAGNET PROGRAM WEBSITE.**

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### District Vision

Our vision is to be the benchmark of educational excellence.

### District Mission

Our mission is to prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live.

### District Values

Driven by a vision to be the benchmark of educational excellence, the Westerville School District strives daily to exemplify the following organizational values:

Respect, Inclusiveness, Community,  
Communication, Collaboration, Innovation,  
Nurturing, Trust, Accountability

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## Math/Science

The mission of the Math/Science Magnet Program at Hanby Elementary School is to provide a variety of relevant and rigorous educational experiences with a focus on math and science. The natural curiosities of children about their world provide the energy that motivates teaching and learning in the Westerville City Schools Math and Science Magnet School Program. Team building and cooperation, modeled through scientific inquiry and discovery, can serve as a firm foundation for the development of productive citizens.



In order to prepare children to be successful in an ever-changing global society, we emphasize a hands-on approach to learning by providing a variety of relevant and rigorous educational experiences. We make a strong effort to link math and science to the outside world of work through business and community partnerships so that we can provide authentic opportunities in problem solving through real-world application. The integration of technology and software into the curriculum further enhances our instruction so students may select such tools and utilize them independently as resources. Teachers serve as facilitators and encourage students to excel throughout the learning process.

## Arts

The Arts Magnet Program at Hanby Elementary School promotes the integration of and exposure to the arts and technology in the district curriculum, including elements of music, drama/theatre, movement, visual art and the literary arts. The program provides a curriculum where the teaching and demonstrating of knowledge and creativity is enhanced through experiences as well as the use of technology. The vision of the school is to embrace teaching and learning through a unique academic community that provides global connections to science, math, the arts and technology. The program strives to:

- Enhance arts literacy and elevate the value of fine arts as key disciplines that are taught and integrated within and across the curriculum,
- Forge community partnerships to extend learning beyond the classroom,
- Foster parental involvement and PTA support to provide students exceptional arts experiences, and
- Provide a multi-sensory approach to learning through the arts and technology.

The school has high expectations for program participants. Teachers offer students multiple methods of acquiring knowledge and encourage them to explore relationships between visual and academic literacy. The program provides a collaborative environment for teaching and learning across grade levels and curriculum areas.

## World Cultures

The vision of the World Cultures Magnet Program at Emerson Elementary School is to create a learning atmosphere that promotes global and cultural awareness where students become positive contributors to the community and the world around them. The mission is to educate world citizens through an environment that fosters high academic achievement and behavioral standards. Curriculum learning goals are met through an international lens. Students learn how concepts relate to Ohio, the United States and the world. As a result, they are equipped with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed to become competent, responsible, and global citizens. The school encourages parent involvement, enhances cognitive and social growth, and fosters an understanding of diverse people and cultures. Integrated technology and hands-on projects provide students interactive learning opportunities. Students and families will have additional opportunities to become involved in:

- International celebrations and cultural activities,
- Service Learning opportunities, and
- Drama club, chess club, Taiko drumming and other extra curricular activities.

