



# Westerville City Schools

## Magnet Programs Overview & FAQ

### 2023-2024 School Year

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 two different curricular options with an inquiry-based approach to learning. While the Magnet program is open to any WCSD student, there are limited seats available. Students may apply for enrollment in one of the two programs through a random selection process. Both 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. These programs will utilize an inquiry-based approach where children will learn critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, communication, and adaptability skills, all of which support our Portrait of a Graduate. Each program offers two classes per grade, grades 1-5 (with the second 5th grade class at Emerson coming in 2024-2025).

### **Magnet Program Choices**

#### **STEAM Focus**

The STEAM program provides children with learning experiences that integrate the sciences, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics into the learning standards. This program will be located at Hanby Elementary School.

#### **Humanities Focus**

The humanities program integrates the worldwide cultures and arts into the academic content of math, science, language arts, social studies, and other courses. This program will be located at Emerson Elementary School.

### **Magnet Program Application Procedures**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>March 13, 2023 at 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>

- All applications must be completed by March 13, 2023 at 8 a.m.
- Notifications will be mailed home the week of March 24.
- 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 2023-2024 school year prior to submitting an application for the magnet school program. Please visit our website at [www.wcsoh.org/enroll](http://www.wcsoh.org/enroll) to begin the registration process.
- A separate application needs to be completed for each child.



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## Frequently Asked Questions about the Magnet School Program

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

- A Magnet School Open House will be held at each building on February 23, 2023 at the following times:
  - **Hanby Elementary:** 5:30PM - 6:30PM
  - **Emerson Elementary:** 6:00PM - 7:00PM

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

### What is the Magnet Program lottery timeline?

- March 10, 2023 – Deadline to complete applications (deadline is at 4PM)
- March 24, 2023 – Notification letters & email sent to all applicants
- April 3, 2023 – DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING OFFER (deadline is at 4PM)

### Will my application be accepted after the March 10, 2023 deadline?

- No. Unfortunately, no exceptions will be made to the March 10, 2023 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

### 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. Magnet Schools are on an earlier schedule than other elementary schools in Westerville (8:00AM-2:25PM)..



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**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?**

- We are currently working with YWCA Kids Place for a program to be placed at Hanby beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. Both Hanby & Emerson students will be permitted to enroll through YWCA Kids Place. Westerville City Schools will send a bus to transport Emerson students to Hanby after school. More information can be found at [YWCA Kids Place website](#).

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

- It is expected that a student completes 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.