

### ARC IB Programmes Admissions Policy Description

In the last few years, our county has increased the number of magnet programs offered to its residents. As a result, rather than have each school implement standalone admissions processes and criteria (as we used to), the county consolidated and streamlined what is now a fairly generic magnet admissions process.

The timeline has not been announced for the 2020-21 SY, but this is how it has been the last few years and how we anticipate it will continue this year:

**Oct-Nov:** Magnet programs begin outreach and recruiting processes

**Early November:** County-wide magnet fair at the Augusta Mall

**Nov-Early January:** Online magnet application is open

**Late Jan.-Early Feb:** Magnet testing is conducted

**Late Feb:** All magnet schools meet at central office to conduct selection process

**Early March:** Offers of admission are mailed out

**Mid-March:** Registration night for new magnet students

**Late April-Mid-May:** Late magnet application is open (for new transfers and newly interested students)

**Late May:** Late magnet testing

**June:** Magnet roundtable selects new candidates and offers of admission are mailed

**June-July:** One-on-one registration for approved late magnet applicants.

#### General County Magnet Admissions Guidelines:

Applicants are screened on the basis of two criteria:

1. Grades from the previous school year – core classes should all be 80 or above (A's and B's)
  2. Scores on the iReady test taken by applicants
    - \* Test is adaptive and in two parts: Math and Verbal/Reading
    - \* Applicants should be on or above grade level in both parts
    - \* Applicants scoring two or more grades below level are disqualified
- \*After candidate selection is finished and candidates have confirmed their acceptance, schools may consider offering admission to students on the disqualified and waiting lists if their program has room.

### **ARC-Specific Policies:**

\* Rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students may be considered. As DP/CP are 2-year programmes of study, rising 12<sup>th</sup> graders are not considered unless they are transferring from another IB World School

\* As noted in the Self-study questionnaire, ARC typically offers admission to students who have at least a B average and are on grade level in math/verbal. However, in keeping with our school's focus on equity and expanded access, we are very generous in our application of the criteria. We believe that students who are willing to challenge themselves and have shown some modicum of achievement will benefit from matriculation in our IB Programmes.

\* A school policy from the initial authorization of our DP, students are not allowed to be course candidates. All students in IB courses must be full programme candidates. The only exception to this policy is made for foreign exchange students who are typically only in attendance for one school year. If they take a one-year SL course, the student will be allowed to sit for the examinations as a course candidate.

\*With the cooperation and advice of the county magnet coordinator, we have developed and are piloting an alternate acceptance policy for rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders who either were not accepted or did not go through the application process. As we are an MYP candidate school (years 4&5), we have chosen to require our 9<sup>th</sup> graders to complete a Community Project (as part of the scaffolding we are putting in place for the future DP/CP students), and the 10<sup>th</sup> graders complete a Personal Project. If the parent and student sign an agreement to complete the project, they will gain probationary magnet student status. If they complete everything satisfactorily, they will gain permanent magnet student status. If they do not complete it, they will need to go through the magnet application process or be dismissed from the magnet track.

\*In rare cases of rising 11<sup>th</sup> graders who transferred in without time to engage in the magnet application process (i.e. military transfers, &c.), the IB Dean may review the student's records, and after an interview with the student and parents, recommend the student for matriculation in either the DP or the CP.

\*All magnet students (9-12) must sign the attached agreement.



## 2020-2021 Magnet Program Agreement of Understanding

By signing my name below, I indicate that I have read the Agreement of Understanding and I acknowledge the conditions of acceptance. The privilege of attending the Academy of Richmond County in the International Baccalaureate Programme rests upon the personal responsibility of the child and parent. This contract will be renewed each year.

### All Magnet Program Students:

1. I understand my child is expected to attend school daily, to arrive promptly, and to remain throughout the scheduled hours.
2. I understand that my child is to cooperate and conduct himself or herself with teachers, other adults, and classmates in a manner showing respect to all persons.
3. I understand that my child is to complete all required work, including homework and work missed.
4. It is my child's responsibility to pass each subject with a 70 or above. Students having an end-of-course average below 70 are required to attend summer school or take accredited online course(s) in order to remain on track for graduation.
  - a. Failure of an IB class will result in dismissal from the magnet program. There are no summer school options for those classes.
  - b. Failed AP classes may be made up in the summer through Georgia Virtual School at the student's expense.
5. I understand my child is to respect and care for all equipment, supplies, and school property he/she uses.
6. I understand that my child must adhere to all school policies and Richmond County Board of Education policies.
7. I understand if either the student or parent/guardian, or both, ceases to be a resident of Richmond County, the school shall be promptly notified, to allow a prompt determination as to whether the student remains eligible to attend the selected school.
8. I understand that my child will be enrolled as a full-time student at the Academy of Richmond County (ARC) for the 2020-2021 academic year. My child must demonstrate acceptable performance in order to remain in the magnet program. In addition,
  - a. **My child must complete a Community Project as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader.**
  - b. **My child must complete a Personal Project as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader.**
  - c. My child must complete all other requirements of the International Baccalaureate Programme including Extended Essay, Reflective Project, and Community, Activity, and Service (CAS) hours.

**I promise my child will be in regular attendance, cooperative, respectful of people, and studious in order to remain enrolled. The student hereby agrees to work with the parents and staff in compliance with the above responsibilities. I understand that failure to adhere to these requirements will result in dismissal from the IB Programme. Out-of-zone students will be withdrawn and will need to enroll at their zoned school.**

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Student Name (Printed)

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

Magnet Meeting Summary  
 Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Early Application Timeline for 2018-2019

- November 1, 2019 – Student may begin applying at 8 AM
- November 3, 2019 – Choice Fair at the Augusta Mall (10 AM- 2 PM)
- November and December of 2018 – Individual Schools Open Houses (post dates on website)
- January 11, 2019 – Last day for students to apply
- January 31, 2019 and February 2, 2019 – Academic Testing
- February 15, 2019 – Davidson Fine Arts auditions
- March 1, 2019 – Decision Letter mailed

Magnet School Open House Dates

School	Date	Time
ARC	November 5, 2018	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Davidson	November 8, 2018	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
ARJ	November 14, 2018	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
RCTCM	November 15, 2018	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, I will have I-Ready results from Harley.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Round Table for all Magnet Schools

February 27<sup>th</sup> all acceptance letters need to be in my office for mailing

March 1<sup>st</sup>, We will mail letters to parents

On- Site Registration	
School	Date
ARC	March 11 <sup>th</sup>
ARJ	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
CT Walker (K-3)	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
Davidson	March 13 <sup>th</sup>
RCTCM	March 13 <sup>th</sup>
CT Walker (4-8)	March 13 <sup>th</sup>

Late Application (Meeting with Dr. Cobb) Friday, September 13, 2018

- April 1, 2019 – May 1, 2019 – Late application \*(only for schools with openings)
- May 18, 2019 – Late testing
- May 28, 2019 – Davidson Auditions
- June 3, 2019 – Roundtable
- June 10, 2019 – Final decision letters mailed



## 2019-20 Magnet Application Process

- Application open from Nov. 1-Jan. 11
  - Available at [www.rcboe.org](http://www.rcboe.org)
- Magnet Fair @ Augusta Mall
  - Nov. 3 10am-2pm
- Magnet Testing: Jan. 30 or Feb. 2
- Admission decisions mailed Mar. 1
- Visit [www.rcboe.org/magnet](http://www.rcboe.org/magnet) for more info