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Magnet School Parent Choice

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When will the applications go live? – **Applications open the first week in January and will close February 28th at 3:30 P.M.**
2. What's the application process? – **To apply go to ACES.ORG, Schools & Programs, Magnet School Parent Choice, scroll to application. Students are chosen by a blind lottery.**
3. Do I have to reapply every year? – **No, if your child is already attending Chase or WIMS, you will receive an intent to return to complete electronically. If your child was not placed, you WILL need to reapply, the wait list does NOT roll over.**
4. Can we apply to Open Choice, Magnet Schools, Charter and Private Schools at the same time? **Yes.**
5. Does Magnet School Parent Choice have sibling preference? **Yes, siblings must attend during the same school year. The school choice must be the same school as the current sibling is attending. Preference is based on first choice school. Second choice school is an option but not required.**
6. What happens if we move to another city/town? **A new Residency Verification Form will need to be completed. To obtain a form, please see the school secretary.**
7. What Towns qualify to participate in Magnet School Parent Choice? **Any student attending school in Connecticut can apply to attend a Magnet School.**
8. How does transportation work? **ACES Magnet Schools Bus Routes utilize/group stops to serve multiple students effectively in a timely and safe manner. While most stops remain unchanged over the years, moving and adding new stops based on enrollment is necessary. A letter will be mailed to families during the week before school begins containing Bus #, Stop Location and pick-up time. Please be aware that routes and pick up times can change throughout the school year due to address and route changes.**

ACES provides transportation to the following districts:

Wintergreen – Hamden, Meriden, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Waterbury and West Haven. All districts listed have 20 or more students attending WIMS. If a district has less than 20 students, ACES will not provide transportation and families will be eligible to receive a \$5.00/per day, per family transportation subsidy.

ACES at Chase - All families will receive transportation. Districts with less than 20 students will be assigned to a bus stop at the nearest location, most likely located at the nearest town.