

Middle Schools – Check your school of choice

- Downtown School\*** (Multiple Intelligences and Hands-on Learning)
- Hanes Magnet School** (Math, Science & Pre-Engineering)
- Hill Middle School** (Visual and Performing Arts & Technology)
- Mineral Springs Middle School** (Arts & Leadership)

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

- Paisley Magnet School** (IB Middle Years Programme, Grades 6-10)
- Philo Magnet Academy**
  - Chinese Language Immersion
  - Global Technology
  - International Business & World Cultures
- Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy\*** (Grades 6-12)



## Middle School Magnet Programs

### School Choice in WS/FCS

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools is committed to offering school choice at the elementary, middle and high school levels. In addition to its "schools of choice" zone assignment plan, the school system is proud to offer 15 magnet schools that are open to students from throughout Forsyth County.

At magnet schools, students develop their special talents and broaden what they are learning as part of the N.C. Standard Course of Study. There are seven magnet programs at the middle school level, each focused on a different specialty. More information about each middle school is included inside this brochure as is an application.

# How to APPLY

## ENROLLING IN A MAGNET SCHOOL IS EASY.

### 1 GET TO KNOW US!

Parents should become familiar with the magnet programs by:

- Visiting the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County magnet schools' website at [www.wsfcsmagnets.net](http://www.wsfcsmagnets.net).
- Scheduling tours at magnet schools that interest them.

### 2 APPLY!

An application to attend one of the middle school magnet programs is included in this brochure. Applications also are available at Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools or at the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Administrative Offices at 1605 Miller St., Winston-Salem. Parents also can apply online at [www.wsfcsmagnets.net](http://www.wsfcsmagnets.net).

To meet the enrollment deadline, parents must complete and submit the application form by January 22, 2010,

either to the magnet school they have chosen for their child(ren) or to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Magnet Schools Office, 1605 Miller St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103.

Applications received after the enrollment period ends will be placed on a waiting list.

### 3 WAIT!

Parents will be notified by mail of their child's acceptance to a magnet school in February 2010.

Applications may be accepted at a later date for some schools and grade levels if space is available.

Information on those openings will be advertised at that time.

### 4 ENROLL!

Parents may receive additional information from their child's magnet school.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_

Does your child have a sibling at this school?  Yes  No  
*You must fill out a separate application for each child enrolling at a magnet school.*

Student Number of Applicant (optional) | | | | | | | |

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Now Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade (2009-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ next school year

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pager/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pager/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation requested: (Transportation is NOT provided for the Downtown School)

A.M. From nearest stop to home OR from: \_\_\_\_\_

P.M. To nearest stop to home OR to: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child need additional services? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any health or physical condition(s) of which the school needs to be aware: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want your child to attend this school? \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Magnet Schools Office, WS/FCS Administrative Center, P.O. Box 2513, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27012-2513 OR  
Return to Magnet School of your choice: **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: JANUARY 22, 2010, 4:30 p.m.**  
– Applications received after the enrollment period ends will be placed on a waiting list.

- **The Downtown School**, 601 N. Cherry Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101 **(\*Pick up special application; or from link at [wsfcsmagnets.net](http://wsfcsmagnets.net))**
- **Hanes Magnet School**, 2900 Indiana Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
- **Hill Middle School**, 2200 Tryon Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107
- **Mineral Springs Middle School**, 4559 Ogburn Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
- **Paisley Magnet School**, 1400 Grant Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
- **Philo Magnet Academy**, 410 Haverhill Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27127
- **Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy**, 1215 N. Cameron Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101 **(\*Pick up special application)**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## THE DOWNTOWN SCHOOL Multiple Intelligences and Hands-on Learning (Grade 6 only)

The Downtown School's location is central to its focus on teaching students about the world around them. Community resources are built into instruction to emphasize active, exploratory learning. The 2010-11 school year will be the first year sixth grade will be offered, and seventh and eighth grades will be phased in consecutively. The middle school program will be small, with about 135 students in grades 6 through 8. Students who are in the elementary program have the option of remaining for grades 6 through 8. There will be three classes of sixth graders with 15 in each class. The application process for students not currently in the school will be lottery based. Parents will be required to volunteer an hour per week per child.

The Downtown School is located at 601 North Cherry St., Winston-Salem. Call 727-2914 for more information.

## HANES MAGNET SCHOOL Project Lead The Way/Math, Science and Pre-Engineering

Hanes is the only middle school in Forsyth County that offers Project Lead The Way, a pre-engineering program taught as an elective. Project Lead The Way is a national effort to make math and science relevant for students by applying the skills learned in the classroom to engineering projects.

The school's emphasis on gifted education allows every student to receive a rigorous education that addresses the ways they learn best. All students have opportunities to explore their interests, to expand their understanding of science, math and technology, and to excel as they develop new gifts and talents. Foreign languages offered include Latin and Spanish, and extracurriculars and clubs provide additional opportunities for students to explore their interests. Hanes has adopted a standard mode of dress.

Hanes is located at 2900 Indiana Ave., Winston-Salem. Call 727-2252 for more information or go to [hanesmagnet.org](http://hanesmagnet.org).

## HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL Magnet for the Visual and Performing Arts & Technology

Hill strives for academic excellence through a program enriched with experiences in visual and performing arts, and technology. Hill merges a variety of teaching strategies to present required course work within an arts-enriched curriculum that makes the most of students' talents and interests.

Students at Hill can participate in an accelerated program with an extended school year and specific academic interventions designed to accelerate student learning in reading and math. This dual educational approach affords strong opportunities to integrate the arts and technology while focusing on improving student achievement. Hill's curriculum is supported by partnerships with community leaders in dance, theater and filmmaking.

Hill is located at 2200 Tryon St., Winston-Salem. For more information, call the school at 771-4515.

## MINERAL SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL Magnet for Arts and Leadership

Mineral Springs Middle School's focus on the arts and leadership is designed to make the transition to middle school easier. The school's acclaimed arts programs help students discover and develop their individual talents while its emphasis on leadership allows students to develop skills they'll need as adults.

Arts opportunities at the school include classes in drama, dance, visual arts, band, piano, stringed instruments, chorus and gymnastics. The faculty will use Steven Covey's "Theories of Success" to teach leadership skills. In addition, the school is committed to Howard Gardner's theories of "Multiple Intelligences" and administers an assessment to each student to determine his or her most developed "intelligences" as well as areas that need attention.

Mineral Springs Middle is located at 4559 Ogburn Ave., Winston-Salem. For more information, call the school at 703-6733.

## PAISLEY MAGNET SCHOOL International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme — Grades 6-10

Paisley is the only middle school in Forsyth County authorized to offer the IB Middle Years Programme, which is internationally recognized for its rigor. The Middle Years Programme provides a curriculum that allows students to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to participate effectively in life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with an emphasis on intercultural awareness. Global issues are incorporated in all parts of an accelerated curriculum through interdisciplinary teaching units structured to increase hands-on learning.

Paisley offers instruction in all eight subject areas that is more challenging than the state's regular curriculum. The curriculum is enhanced through a weeklong residency for students at Space Camp and educational study abroad for high school students.

Paisley is located at 1400 Grant St., Winston-Salem. For more information, call the school at 727-2775.

## PHILO MAGNET ACADEMY Mandarin Chinese Partial Language Immersion, Global Technology, and International Business & World Cultures

Philo's magnet program offers instruction in Mandarin Chinese, International Business and World Cultures, and Global Technology. These programs promote academic excellence and cultural awareness, and provide the skills students will need for success in a global economy. All students are required to take a foreign language.

Students who enroll in the Partial Language Immersion Program are taught Mandarin Chinese through Chinese language, math and physical education classes. Students who choose International Business and World Cultures study all types of careers that are touched by foreign markets, including banking and trade. Global Technology students use computers, language labs and other technology to connect to a larger world.

Philo is located at 410 Haverhill St., Winston-Salem. Call 771-4570 for more information.

## WINSTON-SALEM PREPARATORY ACADEMY College Preparatory — Grades 6-12

Housed in the historic Atkins High School, Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy prepares students for college. WSPA helps students achieve academic excellence through a nurturing learning environment, personalized instruction, an integrated curriculum and leadership opportunities.

WSPA creates a college culture beginning in sixth grade by offering a rigorous and relevant curricular program. Beginning in ninth grade, students must follow the College/University Prep course of study, which includes honors and advanced placement courses only.

Students are expected to meet high standards, and will receive support from the school's leadership staff and through partnerships with local colleges and the community. Parents are encouraged to reinforce the school's standards.

Winston-Salem Prep is located at 1215 N. Cameron Ave., Winston-Salem. Call 703-6732 for more information.

# ENROLLMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Applications are for Forsyth County residents only. Students must be able to participate with a reasonable expectation of success under the specific criteria of the magnet programs. The application period begins January 1, 2010.

Hanes, Hill, Mineral Springs Middle, Paisley, Philo and Winston-Salem Prep (Grades 6-8) have spaces available for students who live in the schools' residential zones as well as magnet spaces for students from throughout Forsyth County. Priority for assignment to magnet schools is given to students and their siblings who live in the schools' residential zones.

The Downtown School is taking applications for grade 6 only for the 2010-11 school year. The school is open to students from families who live or work in the central urban area of Winston-Salem or who work at Reynolds American, Inc., the school's primary business partner. Transportation to the Downtown School is NOT provided by the school system.

Magnet applications will be dated and numbered according to the order they are received. A lottery may be held if there are more magnet applications than spaces available.

Once assigned to a magnet school, students may complete all grades provided they attend school regularly and exhibit exemplary conduct. If a student does not meet these standards, he or she may be reassigned to his or her residential school at the end of the school year. Students in middle school magnet programs will have first preference in continuing in the same program at the high school level.

Transportation to magnet schools is provided through Magnet Express Bus Runs. Your child will be assigned to a Magnet Express Stop, most likely within four to six miles of your home. Buses will pick up your child at these stops and take him or her to the magnet school.

These stops are supervised before school starting at 6:30 a.m. and after school until 6 p.m. Supervision is free in the mornings and for the first hour in the afternoon. Additional supervised time is available for \$3 per day or \$15 per week.

For more information, call the school system's magnet office at 727-2519.