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High 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 five magnet schools at the high school level, each focused on a different specialty. More information about each high school is included inside this brochure, as is an application.



ENROLLING IN A MAGNET SCHOOL IS EASY.

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.

Atkins, Parkland and Reynolds 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.

Spaces at Paisley (Grades 9-10) and Winston-Salem Prep (Grades 9-12) are open by application, with consideration at Winston-Salem Prep given to students who would be the first in their families to attend college.

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.

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.

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.
- Scheduling tours at magnet schools that interest them.

2 APPLY!

An application to attend one of the high school magnet programs is included in this brochure. Applications for the magnet programs 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.

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 who meet the enrollment deadline 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.

ATKINS ACADEMIC AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

School of Biotechnology, School of Computer Technology and School of Pre-Engineering

Atkins is like no other school in Forsyth County. Much like a college or university, it offers three schools on one campus. The Schools of Biotechnology, Computer Technology and Pre-Engineering provide rigorous high-level classes that prepare students for courses in those subjects at four- or two-year colleges, or to enter the workforce. Students must choose a school within Atkins and will use technology and equipment that is comparable to that found in college labs or in the workplace.

At Atkins, the “three Rs” have new meaning — rigor, relevance and relationships. Each school is supported by business, industry and community leaders. To prepare for careers and college-level work, students participate in mentoring, job shadowing and internship programs.

Atkins is located at 3605 Old Greensboro Road, Winston-Salem. For more information, call the school at 703-6754.

PAISLEY IB MAGNET SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme – Grades 6-10

Paisley is the only 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 21st 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. The Middle Years Programme is designed to prepare students for the rigor of the IB Diploma Programme.

Paisley offers instruction that is more challenging than the state’s regular curriculum. All high school classes are taught at the honors level except physical education. The curriculum is enhanced through an educational trip to New York City and study abroad in Europe for high school students.

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

PARKLAND MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

Internationalism and the Arts

Parkland is an authorized IB World School offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. From the IB aims and objectives, Parkland created its magnet school theme of Internationalism and the Arts. All Parkland students are exposed to the high-level standards of this internationally recognized program through Inquiry-Based Projects, Freshman Humanities Wheel and Success Academy.

The IB Diploma Programme is a rigorous course of study for juniors and seniors that provides a liberal arts curriculum from a global perspective. Students are expected to perform on a university level and sit for exams that are assessed on an international standard. It is recommended that applicants complete the following prerequisites in the ninth and 10th grades: honors courses in all subject areas; Algebra II; and Level III of a foreign language.

Parkland is located at 1600 Brewer Road, Winston-Salem. For more information, call the school at 771-4700.

REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL

Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts

Since 1923, the arts have been an important part of Reynolds’ academic offerings and a source of pride for students, parents and alumni. Our magnet program, “Arts for Academics,” nurtures and perpetuates our long tradition of academic excellence. As a magnet school, Reynolds has expanded its arts offerings and integrated the arts into core academic areas to provide students with increased opportunities for creativity, originality and critical thinking — all essential skills in the 21st-century workplace.

Depending on students’ interest in and dedication to the arts, each will choose an Arts Aware, Arts Infused or Arts Intensive program of study. All freshmen participate in Reynolds’ “Seminar in the Arts” and continue their experience in a culture of the arts provided through campuswide, arts-related events that include both professional and student performances.

Reynolds is located at 301 N. Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem. For more information, call the school at 727-2061.

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.

WSPA is located at 1215 N. Cameron Ave., Winston-Salem. For more information, call the school at 703-6732.

High Schools (Indicate first, second, third choices of schools):

Date of Application _____

___ **Atkins Academic and Technology High School**

School of Biotechnology ___ Biomedical ___ Biotechnology

School of Computer Technology
___ Computer Engineering ___ Scientific Visualization

School of Pre-Engineering
___ Project Lead The Way ___ Industrial Systems Technology

___ **Paisley IB Magnet School:** IB Middle Years (Grades 9-10)

___ **Parkland Magnet High School**
 IB Diploma Programme Internationalism & Arts

___ **Reynolds High School:** Visual & Performing Arts

___ **Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy***

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Magnet Schools

Student’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 Last Math Course Taken _____ Last Foreign Language Course Taken _____

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:

AM From nearest stop to home OR from: _____

PM 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.

- **Atkins Academic and Technology High School**, 3605 Old Greensboro Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
- **Paisley IB Magnet School**, 1400 Grant Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
- **Parkland Magnet High School**, 1600 Brewer Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27127
- **Reynolds High School**, 301 N. Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27104
- **Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy**, 1215 N. Cameron Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101 **(*Pick up special application)**

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____