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MNPS Magnet/Optional Deadline Dec. 5

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Oct. 21, 2008) –Parents and students will soon have the opportunity to participate in the annual lottery to attend one of 26 academic and thematic magnetic schools, design schools, optional enrollment schools and enhanced option schools for the 2009-2010 academic school year. Applications will be sent home with students Nov. 3, and the deadline for submitting an application is Friday, Dec. 5.

This year, the application process has changed in that no new applications will be accepted after the Dec. 5 deadline except for families who are new to the Metro Nashville Public School district.

In the coming weeks, families will have several opportunities to tour the magnet and optional schools during "Walk-Through Thursdays" and magnet school open houses, scheduled for Nov. and Dec. The lottery will be held Jan. 10, 2009. Nashville School of the Arts (NSA) is the one exception to the lottery. To attend this high school, prospective students must apply and audition. There is no lottery for NSA admission.

Families are reminded that transportation is not provided for students in academic or thematic magnet schools. There is assistance with costs for MTA transportation for students enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program.

Important Dates for Magnet Application Process:

Nov. 3	Applications will be sent home by all schools. This includes "pathway continuation forms" for current magnet/optional students moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school.
Nov. 6, 13, 20 & Dec. 4	"Walk Through Thursdays"- Families can visit magnet schools during these dates.
Nov. 10 - Dec. 4	Magnet School Open Houses - Contact the school of interest for dates and times.
Dec. 5	Application/pathway deadline. Parents return forms to the Magnet/Optional Office. This deadline includes all magnet/lottery applications as well as the "pathway continuation forms" for magnet/optional students moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school. (No new applications will be accepted after this date except for families new to MNPS.)
Jan. 10	Magnet/Optional School Lottery

- Jan. 12 The schools participating in the lottery will send home a continuation letter. **(This affects students who will be changing grades, but staying in the same school next year).**
- Jan. 21 Acceptance and wait list letters will be mailed.
- Jan. 28 Deadline for parents to return continuation letters to their child's magnet/optional school.
- Feb. 6 Deadline for parents to return acceptance letter to the Magnet/Optional Office.

In addition to magnet and optional schools, in the early spring of 2009, expanded Open Enrollment will be offered to all students in Metro Nashville Public Schools. This will give families the chance to enroll in a school outside of their zone, if seating is available, that best meets their child's needs. This could potentially include magnet/optional schools that have open seats after the lottery.

Many schools also offer unique programs and courses of study, including International Baccalaureate (IB) program, Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Career and Thematic Academies, culinary arts programs, vocational education opportunities, various computer certification programs and much more. For more information about any school, zoned or other, visit www.mnps.org.

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.

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