

Middle Schools – Check your school of choice

Date of Application _____

___ **Downtown School*** (Multiple Intelligences and Hands-on Learning)

___ **Hanes Magnet School** (Math, Science & Pre-Engineering)

___ **Hill Arts Magnet Middle School** (Visual and Performing Arts & Technology)

___ **Mineral Springs Middle School** (Arts & Leadership)

___ **Paisley IB 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** (College Preparatory, Grades 6-12)

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Magnet Schools

Child's Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____ Sex ____ Race ____

Will your child have a sibling at this school in 2012-2013? Yes No

You must fill out a separate application for each child enrolling at a magnet school.

Student Number of Applicant (required) | | | | | | | | | |

Home Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Now Attending _____ Present Grade (2011-12) _____

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 _____

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

Return to Magnet Schools Office, WS/FCS Administrative Center, P.O. Box 2513, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102-2513 OR return to Magnet School of your choice: **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2012, 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)**

• **Hanes Magnet School**, 2900 Indiana Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105

• **Hill Arts Magnet Middle School**, 2200 Tryon Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107

• **Mineral Springs Middle School**, 4559 Ogburn Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105

• **Paisley IB 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

Parent Signature _____



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 18 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.
- 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. Parents also can apply online at www.wsfcsmagnets.net.

To meet the enrollment deadline, a completed paper or online application must be submitted and received by 4:30 p.m. on January 20, 2012, at the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Magnet Schools Office,

475 Corporate Square Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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 2012.

Applications received after the deadline will be wait listed and accepted later if space becomes available.

4 ENROLL!

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

THE DOWNTOWN SCHOOL Multiple Intelligences and Hands-on Learning (Grades 6-8)

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 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. 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 703-4125 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.

HILL ARTS MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL 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, visual arts and music.

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

MINERAL SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL Arts and Leadership

Mineral Springs Middle School is housed in a renovated building that includes a beautifully refurbished auditorium, dance studio, piano studio and art studio. Mineral Springs is also the only school in the county to offer a gymnastics program. The school's focus of performing arts and leadership is designed to teach the whole child. The acclaimed arts programs help students discover and develop their individual talents while using the *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* to develop positive leadership skills.

Classes in drama, dance, visual arts, band, piano, stringed instruments, chorus and gymnastics enrich students' academic experiences. The highly qualified staff integrates the theories of Howard Gardner's *Multiple Intelligences* to achieve a more personalized curriculum for each child.

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

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

Paisley IB Magnet School offers the prestigious International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB-MYP) for grades 6-10. Colleges and universities all over the world recognize "IB" as the most rigorous and relevant education a student can receive. This advanced curriculum connects traditional subjects with the real world, and encourages students to become critical and reflective thinkers, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens.

Students in grades 6 through 8 earn up to four units of high school credit. Classes are taught at the Honors level in grades 9 and 10. A foreign language (Latin, German, Spanish or French) is required every year. This challenging academic program demands the best of motivated students and many of our students are certified as Academically Gifted or Highly Academically Gifted, though Paisley IB is open to all 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.

Mandarin Chinese is offered as an elective for all grade levels. 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, 2012.

Hanes, Hill, Mineral Springs Middle, Paisley IB, 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 grades 6, 7 and 8 for the 2012-13 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.

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, exhibit exemplary conduct and meet magnet standards. 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.