

2019-2020 Magnet/Choice Information

Hillsborough Choice Magnet, School Choice, and Choice Hardship	Application Period START Date	Application Period END Date	Families Will Be Notified
First Application Period			
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH	10/26/18 Opens at noon	12/31/18	Mid Feb.
Event	Date	Levels	
		ALL: Elementary, Middle and High	
Hillsborough Choice Expo - Florida State Fairgrounds *Free Entrance & Parking	Friday, November 2, 2018 Event: 3:00 - 7:00 (Tentative Times)	Take a glimpse of Magnet and School Choice Attractor Programs in action. All elementary, middle and high school magnet programs will showcase their unique magnet theme.	
Exploration Night - Jefferson	Tuesday November 13, 2018 Event: 5:30 - 7:30	ALL: Elementary, Middle and High	
Exploration Night - Tampa Bay Tech	Thursday, December 6, 2018 Event: 5:30 - 7:30	ALL: Elementary, Middle and High	

High School Steps to Apply to a Magnet or Choice program

1. Learn about the many competitive High School Magnet programs Hillsborough Public Schools offers to students (see attached list)
2. Attend a District Exploration Night or High School Information Night.
3. Apply during an open application period.
4. Eligibility/Prerequisite Factors:
 - GPA: grades earned in core subjects from 7th grade and part of 8th grade (language arts, math, science and social studies)
 - Test scores: standardized test scores from 6th and/or 7th grade
 - Collegiate Academy, IB, and Middleton applicants: students must have taken and passed Algebra I or Algebra I Honors
5. Students applying to magnet programs at Blake High School, please see below for important information.
 - Arts program applicants - students must submit an application and participate in an audition. Students who meet the academic criteria will be invited to audition for the Arts program.
 - Urban Teaching Academy (UTA) applicants - students must submit an application and participate in an interview. Students who meet the academic criteria will be invited to interview for the Urban Teaching Academy program.
6. Transcripts -
 - Students who have been continuously enrolled in HCPS in 6th, 7th and 8th grade do not need to submit transcripts.
 - Students who have not been enrolled continuously enrolled in HCPS in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grade, must submit transcripts in order for the application to be considered complete.
7. Notification of results will be communicated via email and phone. If an offer is extended to your child, a response to reserve your seat is required by the deadline date listed in the notification.

If you have questions or need assistance, call the Choice Information Line at (813) 272-4692.* The high school IB program has a transportation area. The high school to which the student's application is directed is based on the residential address.