

# Admissions Overview: Middlesex County Magnet Schools (East Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Piscataway)

The Middlesex County Magnet Schools are committed to providing exceptional educational opportunities through specialized Career Major Programs. Our admissions procedure is designed to identify and select students who demonstrate strong academic potential, a genuine interest in their chosen Career Major, and the readiness to thrive in a challenging academic environment to make them College Ready. Career Ready. Life Ready. Please be advised, we receive more applications than we have space available. The admissions process is competitive, but based on the whole child.

# **Application Process:**

## 1. Student Application Form:

 Complete the Student Application Form available on the Middlesex County Magnet Schools website.

### 2. Personal Essay:

Write an essay explaining your interest in the selected Career Major(s). The essay should reflect your motivation, career aspirations, and how the chosen program aligns with your goals.

# 3. Supporting Materials:

- Submit the following required documents:
  - Most Current Report Card: To verify academic performance and progress.
  - **Signed Application:** Ensure the application form is signed by a parent or guardian to confirm their support and understanding of the application process.

#### 4. Personal Interview:

Attend a personal interview/information session with your parent or guardian. The
interview provides an opportunity to discuss your application, Career Major
interests, and to ask any questions about the programs.

#### 5. Additional Documents:

 Provide any additional documents requested by the admissions office. These may include standardized test scores, letters of recommendation, or other relevant information.

## **Acceptance Criteria:**

## 1. MUST reside in Middlesex County

#### 2. Completion of Grade 8:

o Successful completion of 8th grade is required before admission.

#### 3. Test Scores:

o Good standardized test scores that demonstrate academic readiness and aptitude.

#### 4. Attendance Record:

 A positive attendance record, indicating a history of reliable and consistent school attendance.

# 5. Discipline Record:

 A satisfactory discipline record that reflects appropriate behavior and adherence to school policies.

# 6. Interest and Aptitude:

A high level of interest and aptitude for the selected Career Major Program. This
includes demonstrating enthusiasm and readiness for the specialized coursework
and career-focused activities.

#### **Student Acceptance:**

#### 1. Notification:

 All applicants will be notified of their application status by letter. The notification will include information regarding acceptance, waitlist, or non-acceptance and any next steps if accepted.

## 2. Academic Placement:

All accepted students will take a placement exam to determine appropriate academic placement.

### **Application Timeline:**

The Middlesex County Magnet Schools (East Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Piscataway) have a rolling admissions process. Rolling admissions is a flexible application process where schools review applications as they are submitted, making decisions on a continuous basis rather than waiting for a specific deadline. It offers students quicker responses and more time to decide. The online application opens October and will close on April 1, 2024. The admissions notifications (acceptance, wait-list, or non-acceptance) will occur in a timely manner.