



# UISD Guidelines for Entry Into High School Magnet Programs for 2019 - 2020



Department of GT/Advanced Academics





# Application Process

- Application deadline is Wednesday, January 23, 2019, it is encouraged to submit your application before this date.
- **Applications** must be turned in to your counselor.
- **One standard application** is needed for entrance into any of the three magnet schools.
- A minimum GPA of 80 is required to submit an application. Your counselor will notify you if you have met the 80 minimum GPA.
- [https://www.uisd.net/182944\\_2](https://www.uisd.net/182944_2)



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- Students currently not enrolled in a UISD school must provide a copy of an electricity bill.
- Have an overall average of a B (80%) in all classes (math, science, language arts, reading & social studies) based on your fall term report card in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and your final report card in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
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Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Address      \_\_\_\_\_ City      \_\_\_\_\_ State      \_\_\_\_\_ Zip

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\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name (Print)      \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature      \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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- Students will be given the opportunity to **rank their magnet school choices** on their **application**. (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- **Applications** must be legible and current phone numbers must be provided.
- **A testing date and site must be selected.**
- The **application** requires parent/guardian signature.



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# Entrance Criteria

- An **overall grade average of B (80%)** is required in the combined average of **core subject areas (math, science, language arts, reading, and social studies)** based on your first semester report card in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and your final report card in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **All students will take the CogAT exam**, which is a reasoning and problem-solving test.
- Grading criteria for the composite score is **60% GPA, 40% Cogat Score**
- **<http://www.hmhco.com/hmh-assessments/ability/cogat-7>**



# Testing Procedures

- **Parent Permission is required** prior to testing.
- **Students can test at any high school** of their choice since all magnet programs require the same type of testing.
- First test date is **Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at UHS (9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus), USHS, LBJHS, and AHS.**



# Testing Procedures

- Additional testing dates are as follows:  
**Student Activity Complex (SAC) Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 – February 9, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.**  
**AHS – February 16, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.**
- **Students are encouraged to attend the first test administration.**
- All students must sign-in prior to testing starting at **8:30 a.m.**
- All tests are scored electronically by Riverside Publishing Company.





# Notification of Acceptance

- Once testing scores have arrived, all students will be ranked on the district list based on the overall composite score. Parents will be notified by phone between March 28-29, 2019 only if you have qualified (rank/space) into a magnet program.
- If accepted, a letter of Intent will be mailed to the address provided on the application.
- All students must **return the Letter of Intent to Accept Enrollment into a UISD Magnet Program by May 3, 2019.**

# Magnet Contact Information

- Mrs. Maria Alarcon, UHS Magnet Dean  
(956)473-5627; email: [mariaa@uisd.net](mailto:mariaa@uisd.net)
- Mrs. Elvira Gaona, AHS Magnet Dean  
(956)473-5866; email: [egaona@uisd.net](mailto:egaona@uisd.net)
- Mr. Sinneh Koroma, USHS Magnet Dean  
(956)473-5440 email: [skoroma@uisd.net](mailto:skoroma@uisd.net)
- Ms. Amelia Moore or Ms. Dora Lopez, Advanced Academics Assistants (956)473-2160/473-5244  
email: [amoore@uisd.net](mailto:amoore@uisd.net) or [dolopez@uisd.net](mailto:dolopez@uisd.net)

# Dual Credit Overview



- The Dual Credit Program offers students an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Upon successful completion of a Dual Credit course, a student will **earn “dual credit” – high school and college credit – simultaneously**. These courses provide advanced academic instruction beyond, or in greater depth than, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a corresponding high school course.



# Entrance Criteria

- An **overall grade average of 85%** is required in the combined average of **core subject areas (math, science, language arts, reading, and social studies)** based on your 1<sup>st</sup> semester report card in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and final report card in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **All students will take the TSI assessment (TSIA)**, The TSIA is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to help your college or university determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.
- **Reading – 351**
- **Writing – 340 with a 4 or better on the essay**