Students

f. Magnet School Racine Unified School District Choice Program Enrollment (5127.24)

Racine Unified School District has established magnet schools, RUSD Choice Programs which are designed to meet the unique interest of students, while stressing academics through varied and challenging curriculum.

1. Enrollment

   Open enrollment for the magnet schools will begin at kindergarten through a lottery. All students in accordance with the District’s nondiscrimination policy may participate in the lottery. In accordance with Policy 5127.1, the entering enrollment will be balanced to comply with minority representation, and to reflect the approximate percentage of children with special needs district-wide. A parent or guardian who wishes his/her student to be placed in a RUSD Choice Program may apply for placement.

2. Application

   Application for admission into a RUSD Choice Program may be obtained, completed and submitted via the District’s website during the appropriate application period. Parents must also complete any other admission requirements as identified by the Choice school.

3. Admissions

   Students will be admitted in accordance with the priorities listed below.

   a) First priority will be given to students continuing from one grade level to another at that RUSD Choice Program.

   b) Second priority will then be given to kindergarten students who are siblings of students continuing through the fifth grade during the year of enrollment in Jefferson Light House, Red Apple and Bull Fine Arts.

   c) In the event there are more applications than available seats in a RUSD Choice Program, after the priorities listed above have been met, students will be admitted based on a lottery list. Applicants will be randomly sorted and either offered admission or placed on a wait list. If additional seats become available, then those seats will be offered to persons in accordance with their position on the wait list.

   d) Seats for students may be filled by the Superintendent or designee in extenuating circumstances.
4. Withdrawal

Once a student withdraws from a RUSD Choice Program to attend another public or private school, that student will need to reapply in accordance with this regulation.

Preference will be given to incoming kindergarten siblings of students continuing through fourth grade. At Jefferson Lighthouse Elementary School, preference will also be given to siblings of those students presently enrolled district-wide in the gifted and talented program.