

Frequently Asked Questions About Magnet Program Wait Lists

1. What does it mean to be on a wait list?

Magnet programs have a limited number of seats. When more applicants qualify for a magnet program than there are seats to accommodate them, a random lottery selection process is used to fill the available seats and create a wait list for the program. Placement on the wait list means your child qualified for the program, but was not selected for initial placement. The wait lists for the 2019-2020 school year are maintained until the close of business on the fifth day of school.

2. What does the wait list number mean?

The wait list number indicates your child's position on the waiting list. You will need this number when checking your child's wait list status.

3. How do I find out what my child's wait list number is?

Every family will receive a letter to let students know what their position on the wait list is and the instructions for accessing the wait list system. The system will identify how many seats are available and what wait list number is next to be offered a seat if one becomes available.

4. How can I check the status of the wait list?

The wait list status link for all programs will be posted on the JCPS Student Assignment website (<https://apps.jefferson.kyschools.us/StudentAssignment/LandingPad/>) by mid-February. The posted wait lists will identify the next wait list number to be contacted if a program seat becomes available. Parents are encouraged to check the wait list regularly for updates. Wait lists will be updated every Friday at 4:30 p.m.

5. What are my child's chances of getting into a program from the wait list?

If an applicant is offered placement in a magnet program and declines the seat, the magnet school staff will contact the next applicant on the wait list. This process continues until the close of business on the fifth day of school. It is impossible to predict how many, if any, applicants may decline a placement offer. If all seats in a program are filled, no additional applicants will be offered placement from the wait list. The Student Assignment Office will continue to update wait lists until the fifth day of school.

6. How will I be contacted with a placement offer?

Schools will contact parents of wait list applicants by email using the email address provided on the application. It is imperative that parents be prepared to accept or decline placement when contacted. If no email address was provided, parents will be contacted by phone. If no one is available to take the call, school staff must be able to leave a voice message. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the school or the JCPS Student Assignment Office if the email address and/or phone number change.

7. If my child is offered placement, how long will I have to make a decision?

Parents should think ahead and be prepared to accept or decline placement if contacted with an offer. However, parents will have **three (3) days** to respond to the school office, excluding weekends and school holidays, to accept or decline placement. Failure to respond within this time frame will result in forfeiture of the seat and the placement will be offered to the next applicant on the wait list.

8. If I accept a seat in one program, will my child be removed from the wait list(s) for other programs?

No. Unless you inform schools that you want your child to be removed from their list(s), your child will remain on other wait list(s) until you are offered a seat, or until the wait list is no longer active. If you decline a placement offer for a school or program, your child **will be removed** from that school or program's list.

9. If I accept a seat in my second choice school and later I am offered a seat at my first choice school from the waiting list, can I accept the offer or do I have to stay at my second choice school?

You do not have to remain at your second choice school. You will need to contact your second choice school, or the Student Assignment Office to decline placement, and then you may accept your offer from your first choice school.

10. What should I do if my child is not offered placement from the wait list by the start of the 2019-2020 school year?

If your child has not been offered a seat in a magnet school or program by the start of the 2019-2020 school year, you will need to enroll your child in his/her base school or any other school where your child has been offered placement. Magnet schools or programs have until the fifth day of school to offer placement. **All wait lists will expire after the fifth day of school. If you still wish for your child to attend a magnet school or program, you must reapply for the next school year during the next magnet application period.**

11. Do students on the current school year's wait list receive preference in the next magnet application cycle?

No. All new applications will be given equal consideration and program seats will be filled through a random lottery selection process.

12. Who do I contact if I have any questions?

Please contact the JCPS Student Assignment Office by phone at (502) 485-6250.