

Magnet Locations

Program	K-3 Locations	4-6 Locations
College & Career Academy	K-1 Taft Primary School 2 Mark Twain Primary School 3 Edison Primary School	Kennedy Middle Grade School King Middle Grade School
Science Magnet	Taft Primary School	Kennedy Middle Grade School
Engineering & Design Magnet	Edison Primary School	King Middle Grade School
Fine Arts Magnet	Lincoln Cultural Center K-1	Kennedy Middle Grade School 2-6
Math, Inc. Magnet	Steuben Elementary School	King Middle Grade School
Dual Language Magnet (two way)	Mark Twain Primary School	King Middle Grade School
Dual Language (one way)	Steuben Elementary School	Kennedy Middle Grade School
Montessori Magnet	Lincoln Cultural Center (K-8)	

K-6 Selection Process

Any student that lives within the boundaries of Kankakee School District #111 is eligible to apply for a magnet academy. All valid applicants are guaranteed an opportunity to be selected in the magnet selection process. Students are chosen through a lottery form the pool of applicants. Placement is NOT on a first-come, first-served basis.

Siblings of present magnet students, identified on the application form, will be given first priority for placement at the same building site.

If more students apply for a magnet program than that program can accommodate, a waiting list will be established. The waiting list will be determined by the date/time the application was received.

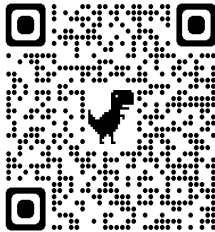
Select only those schools your child is willing to attend. The priority will be to assign you to your first preference; however, you may be assigned to any one of your choices. Applicants are not required to make more than one choice.

Children must be age 5 by September 1, 2024 to enter kindergarten and be considered for a Magnet placement.

**Valid applicants are those students whose parents have submitted a completed application.*



For more information
please visit our website at:
www.ksd.111.org/programs/magnet
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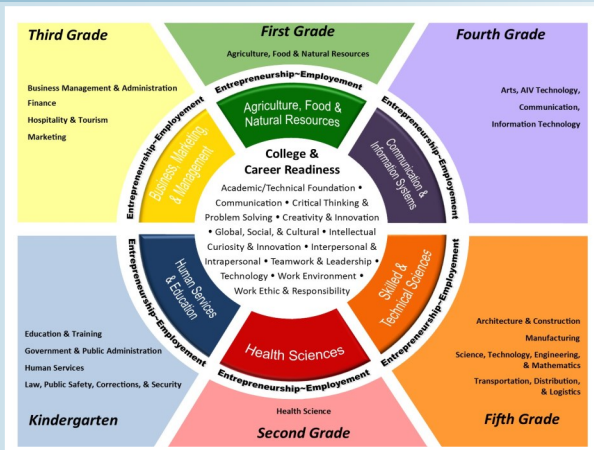
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K-6 Parent Choice Magnet and Academy Programs



Math Inc. Magnet
Dual Language Magnet
Engineering & Design Magnet
Science Magnet
Fine Arts Magnet
Montessori Magnet
College & Career Academy

Kankakee School District #111



College and Career Academies (K-6th)

Each of our elementary buildings hosts at least one magnet program; five buildings, in addition to our junior high school, also serve as home to our College and Career Academy classrooms. Our district uses a partial-grade center model for our Preschool through 6th grade grades. At each grade level student explore topics and skills related to a field or industry. In sixth grade students in CCA classes take an assessment to help them focus their interest as they enter Kankakee Junior High School. Our College and Career Academy infuses college and career readiness training into academic classes. The curriculum in our College and Career Academy classrooms is directed by a Career Wheel that guides a focus on a different range of careers. Students change their mindsets to think like engineers, designers or whatever position is relevant to the task. Tasks are career focused. Students participate in career-interest inventories and choose from numerous educational tracks. The projects give students room for individual creativity as they master career skills including problem-solving and collaboration. Curriculum standards, real-life application, and career exploration, are integrated in a project-based learning environment. CCA starts in kindergarten and continues through eighth grade.

Montessori Magnet (PK-8th)

Our Montessori program offers a child-centered approach to learning developed by Maria Montessori, an Italian physician. A portion of every day is devoted to student selected independent work plans. Children in grades first through eighth are in multi-age, multi-grade classrooms working side by side, sharing and interacting positively with peers of all ages, backgrounds, and interests. Instructional materials encourage a hands-on approach to learning. The Montessori environment fosters a sense of community where children develop skills in cooperation, teamwork, and social cognition. Other characteristics of the Montessori style of learning includes self-discipline, independence, concentration, attention to detail, time management and self-confidence. Children are empowered to pursue their own interests, encouraged to take initiative and experience the natural consequences of their decision in real-life situations. Lastly, the Montessori method allows children to learn through hands-on experience, real-world application, and problem solving.

Fine Arts Magnet (K-6th)

Our Fine Arts Magnet program offers a daily instruction enhanced by curriculum which incorporates art, music, drama and movement. Students will have the advantage of a grade level based Art curriculum as well as learning piano skills in the Piano Lab. As students' progress in this program they participate in the IESA Speech contest and are strongly urged to participate in a *performing art* -Orchestra, Band, Choir, Art Club, or community art organizations (KVT, YPT, dance, etc.). Students present special programs throughout the year to showcase what they have learned as well as take field trips and have special presenters enhance the curriculum.

Dual Language Magnet (K-6th) (two way)

Our Dual Language magnet offers every student exposure to two languages and immersion in another culture teaching increased cultural awareness. Students will work towards becoming bilingual and bi-literate through an 50/50 dual language instructional model. This allows students to receive 50% of their instruction in Spanish and 50% in English, with support in both. Literacy instruction will be done in the child's native language first that either English or Spanish second. Math is taught in English, Social Studies and Science are both taught in Spanish. Parents don't worry, our staff offers parent workshops for instructional support so that you can help your student succeed. Beginning in second grade, students must have prior Spanish speaking experience to be selected for this magnet.

Dual Language Academy (PK-6th) (one way)

The mission of Kankakee School District's Dual Language Program is to establish a strong, standards-based curriculum, which promotes high academic achievement in both English and Spanish in an environment that embraces diversity and strives for excellence. It is our mission to teach our students the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to become productive and responsible citizens in this ever changing global society.

Engineering & Design Magnet (K-6th)

The Engineering Magnet focus will include coding and the ability to Design, Build, Test and Improve! This will include critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. Student engineers will solve real-world problems using their content knowledge, technology, and innovative thinking. Students engage in challenge based learning modules and a creative learning environment where students utilize the engineering process to ask critical questions, imagine possibilities, plan collaboratively, create innovative solutions, and improve continuously.

Math, Inc. Magnet (K-6th)

Students learn Math through a business and entrepreneurship lens as they identify a real world problem and propose solutions. Beyond learning basic business and financial concepts, students gain important "soft skills" that are critical whether they become entrepreneurs or not: how to collaborate in teams, solve real world problems, think creatively, respond well to setbacks and communicate clearly.

Science Magnet (K-6th)

Scientific inquiry and hands-on inquiry-based instruction enhance our Science Magnet's focus on science. Students are actively involved in learning about the world in ways that pattern how scientists explore. Students delve in to STEM based projects and are offered hands-on science experiences that are real and purposeful.