

## CENTRAL MAGNET ENTRANCE AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS POLICY

The Central Magnet Component of Central High School “encourages students to pursue academic excellence.”<sup>1</sup> Central Magnet is a highly rigorous, college preparatory program for serious study and mature, socially appropriate behavior. We expect our students to excel in academic study and demonstrate personal conduct appropriate to an academic learning environment.

Central Magnet wants all of our students to be successful and we work hard with them and their families to achieve that goal. However, in order to maintain academically high standards, students who do not meet our minimum academic and behavioral requirements are reassigned from the Magnet Component and return to their district school.

### **Entrance Requirements for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Central Magnet:**

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, in order to qualify for entry into Central Magnet 9<sup>th</sup> grade, must be a Bridgeport resident and meet the minimum entrance requirement of maintaining a “C+” average in all major subjects (language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) with no D’s or F’s in any subject.

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade magnet elementary and TAG students can enter Central Magnet automatically by request only if the student has met the minimum entrance requirement stated above.

All other 8<sup>th</sup> grade public, parochial and private elementary students must apply for entrance through the lottery. As part of the lottery screening process, the applicant must meet the minimum entrance requirement stated above. The lottery places the qualified applicants in numbered positions on a wait list for entry. Admittance to Central Magnet is determined by the number of available seats and the next position of qualified applicants on the wait list. The wait list is maintained for 18 months.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for the lottery drawing:

- Maintain a “C+”(78) average in all major subjects (language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) with no D’s or F’s in any subject.
- Demonstrate literacy by hand writing a three paragraph prompted essay.
- Maintain a 1.75 in Conduct and Effort on report card (1 is highest on 1-4 scale).
- Teacher and counselor recommendations on their application.

### **Requirements for Continuing Enrollment in Central Magnet**

To maintain Magnet membership, all ninth and tenth grade students are required to enroll in seven courses, which include five core academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies and a Language). A minimum of 60 points must be carried in both the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades which include five core academic courses.

When students are not meeting our minimum academic standards during the academic year, all reasonable efforts are made to support student’s efforts to succeed.

A student who fails two major subjects for the year must make up the classes in summer school to maintain Magnet membership, or they are reassigned to their district school.

A student who fails three major subjects for the year is reassigned to their district school, whether or not he/she passes classes in summer school.

A student who is failing several subjects during the year and seems unable or unwilling to pass may be counseled out of Magnet at any time during the school year and reassigned to their district school into a more appropriate academic program.

A student who habitually breaks school rules and/or exhibits antisocial behavior or is expelled from school may be deselected at any time of the school year.

<sup>1</sup> from the Central High School Mission Statement