

2021-22 RICHARDSON ISD Elementary Magnet School Program

What is an RISD Magnet School?

The goal of the RISD magnet school program is to raise the performance of our schools by:

- Providing enhanced programs and extended curricula
- Improving balance among schools
- Attracting neighborhood students from private schools
- Reducing overcrowding in neighborhood schools

Magnet schools pioneer innovation. By focusing powerful program enhancements and enriched curricula in specific campus facilities, RISD offers educational options that rival private school counterparts.

RISD magnet schools build upon the exceptional curriculum found in every RISD school. We foster enriched, creative learning environments that combine proven instructional methods with cutting-edge experiences focused in areas such as math, science, the arts, communication, law, leadership, foreign languages and technology. We provide the inspiration, opportunities and tools for students to delve deeper and apply what they learn to project-based, hands-on experiences. We challenge our students to stretch their minds beyond rudimentary fact-test-repetition to personal integration of concepts and skills.

RISD magnet schools include three elementary schools, two junior high magnet campuses, and the nationally-acclaimed Arts, Law and Sciences Magnet at Richardson High School. At every school level, our magnet schools are distinguished from traditional schools not by what we teach, but by how we teach.

Arapaho Classical Magnet

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Richardson, TX 75080
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Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet

Michael Thomas, Principal
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Math Science Technology Magnet

Dr. Lauren Bolack, Principal
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Online Information Meeting March 2, 2022 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us virtually to learn about the elementary magnet school options available to RISD's youngest learners. The virtual meeting will take place Wednesday, February 23, 2022, from 6:30-8 p.m. To join, go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID 853 5608 2287.

Online Application Due March 31, 2022

Submit one application per family and connect siblings. If you have an elementary student currently attending an RISD school, use their 6-digit student ID and date-of-birth, and this will auto-fill the parent contact section. Upload a birth certificate for any student younger than elementary age. If you do not have a student currently enrolled in RISD, upload proof of residence and a birth certificate for each student.

Apply online at:
s.risd.org/MagnetApp



Do not submit a new application each year. If you previously submitted a paper or PDF application, email us directly with any changes.

You may have more than one first choice.

Lottery Assignments Emailed April 15

We prioritize keeping siblings together. All assignments are made by random selection based on the preferences indicated on the application and the space available in the grade for your student(s). You will have a couple of weeks to notify the school if you accept the assignment. RISD will provide transportation for students who live more than two miles from the magnet.



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