

# 2023-24 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

Kristin Strickland, Principal  
1300 Cypress Dr.  
Richardson, TX 75080  
469-593-6400

### Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet

Lyndsey Gammara, Principal  
8301 Towns St.  
Dallas, TX 75243  
469-593-3900

### Math Science Technology Magnet

Dr. Lauren Bolack, Principal  
450 Abrams Rd.  
Richardson, TX 75081  
469-593-7300

## Information Meeting February 21, 2024 from 6:30-8 p.m. Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Auditorium 8301 Towns St., Dallas, TX 75243

Join us to learn about the elementary magnet school options available to RISD's youngest learners.

## Online Application Open February 21 - March 31, 2024

All families are asked to submit a new application, regardless of whether or not they have submitted an application in the past.

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.

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.

Apply online at:  
[s.risd.org/ElemMagnet](https://s.risd.org/ElemMagnet)



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