



MOUNT VERNON EXPLORATORY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

2020-2021

Requirements to Apply- Families whose children will thrive in a project-based learning environment with 21st Century skills and technology (character, collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking) are encouraged to apply. Any Hall County School District student in grades kindergarten-fifth grade may apply.

- 1) Parents must provide transportation if they live outside the MVES attendance zone.
- 2) Families must be committed to active involvement in our magnet school.
- 3) Required records must accompany the application to be considered for enrollment. After enrolling at MVES, the expectations are: If a magnet school student has persistent problems with attendance (including unexcused absences, tardies, or check-outs), behavior, and/or academic performance, then he/she may have to return to his/her home school.
- 4) If a student is applying for kindergarten magnet status, the family must make an appointment for a student screening session with the MVES staff (in addition to the kindergarten registration process). This appointment must be made prior to March 15, 2020.

2020 Timeline for Magnet School Applications for Hall County School District:

January: Individual School Parent Information Meetings
MVES Parent Information Meeting and Tour:
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

March 15: Deadline for Magnet Applications and records

April 3: Parent Notification

Application for Admission - 2020
Mount Vernon Exploratory School

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth: _____ Student lives with (please circle); both parents, mother, father, other _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email address _____

Cell Phone _____

Current school _____

Current grade _____ Grade next year _____

Name(s) of siblings currently attending Mount Vernon Exploratory School:

Name(s) of siblings making application to attend:

As a student, I understand that entering Mount Vernon Exploratory School is a commitment on my part to complete elementary school through the use of Project-Based Learning. I pledge to always give my best effort and behavior.

Signature of Student

Date

As a parent, I understand that my child is committed to Mount Vernon Exploratory School by completing elementary school in the Project-Based Learning model. I further understand that I am making a commitment to volunteer and participate in the school life at MVES and provide transportation. I also understand my child must be on time daily, have good attendance, be picked up on time and maintain good behavior and satisfactory achievement to remain enrolled at MVES. Falsified information may be grounds for removal from the school. In addition, I understand and agree to the Magnet School Continuation Policy (next page).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Required Records

*** **For upcoming 1st-5th grade students**, please attach a copy of all the following (or sign a records release form):

_____ latest report card

_____ behavior record

_____ standardized test score (if applicable)

_____ attendance record

*** **For upcoming kindergarten students**, please attach (or sign a records release form):

_____ pre-K records

_____ "no pre-K experience"

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MVES Magnet School Continuation Policy

Hall County students are assigned to schools based on their residential addresses, and all schools have a variety of excellent programming options to meet students' needs. However, it is our belief that students are most successful when they are involved in programs that engage and motivate them, that capitalize on their unique talents and interests. Consequently, Hall County Schools offers a school choice program that makes a highly personalized education available to all students. Students may apply to a school with a certain focus or a school with a unique program that matches their individual interests, aptitudes and goals.

A student who has been accepted into Mt. Vernon Exploratory School may continue in the school provided that he/she demonstrates satisfactory attendance, achievement and behavior. Satisfactory performance is indicated by the student showing progress in each class. The student is expected to complete all required assignments; to actively participate in class activities; and to show exemplary work habits, process skills, academic growth and progress towards mastery of the standards in the class(es). Students must demonstrate satisfactory behavior and attendance.

*In the event that the student does not meet the continuation criteria, he/she will be placed on probation. In addition, the following steps will be taken:

1. An MVES administrator, classroom teacher(s), parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student will develop an attendance, academic, and/or behavioral plan for improvement. The improvement plan will state conditions that must be met in order for the student to continue to be enrolled at MVES. A copy of the improvement plan will be shared with parent(s)/guardian(s).
2. At the end of the probationary period, the MVES administrator and teachers will review the student's progress and determine whether the conditions of the improvement plan have been met. If the conditions of the plan have been met, the student may continue enrollment. If the conditions of the plan have not been met, the student will be withdrawn from MVES and may return to his/her zoned elementary school.
3. If the student has not met all the requirements of his/her contract, but is showing progress and all agree that it is in the child's best interest to continue to try to succeed at MVES, the child may be granted an extended probationary period. If the end of the probationary period comes towards the end of the year, it is possible that all may agree the child will continue to finish out the year with the understanding that he/she will not return to the program in the fall.

*With approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the principal may request that out-of-zone attendance be terminated at any time for non-compliance of rules/regulations.

(from Hall County School System Transfer Form)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____