

**FINE ARTS PROGRAM  
AT M.D. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Is it possible to apply if I do not live in Clayton County?**

Yes, please contact the school choice department for more information.

**What are magnet programs?**

Magnet programs are theme-oriented programs that provide students with in depth experiences in particular areas of interest. The magnet program exists within the comprehensive schools. The magnet programs fulfill the Clayton County Public Schools requirements for promotion and graduation.

**What is the purpose of a magnet program?**

Magnet programs have three major goals:

- **To provide** distinct choices for students with different interests, talents, and aptitudes
- **To develop** innovative instructional practices
- **To promote** diversity within the schools

**What if my child receives accommodations through an IEP, ELL or 504 Plan?**

It is the policy of the Clayton County Public Schools to afford equal opportunity in education to all students. Students receiving special education services are given the same consideration in the selection process as all other students.

**How do I apply for a magnet program?**

You must submit the electronic application found on the Clayton County Public Schools website. The applicant should carefully review all application materials, noting that the performing arts middle school has an on-site audition/assessment that the student must attend.

**How and when will I be notified of my admission status?**

Once all auditions have been completed. M.D. Roberts will send a list of students names to the county. There will be a lottery to determine the students who will be accepted at the end of March. Once the lottery has been completed, parents will receive notification of their student's acceptance status.

**If my child is denied may I apply again next year?**

Yes, you may apply again for the following school year.

**Is it possible to transfer from one magnet program to another?**

No. All admissions to the magnet programs must go through the regular application process for the entry grades permitted by the school.

**Will my child receive transportation?**

Yes. Transportation is provided for students who live outside of the attendance zone for M.D. Roberts Middle School.

Please click on the link for shuttle information:

[https://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/departments/transportation\\_department/shuttle\\_information](https://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/departments/transportation_department/shuttle_information)

**What if my questions are not addressed here?**

*Please call the school at 678 – 479-0100.*