

## PRIORITIES FOR SPECIAL TRANSFER OPTION SCHOOLS

### ENTERING GRADES K - 12

***Current 5th and 8th Grade special transfer option students must re-apply.***

All Special Transfer Option applications are processed through the lottery. Seats are allocated according to availability and priority. Applications are processed based on priority until all open seats are filled.

**Priority 2 - Employee's Child Preference** for students whose parent is employed in an eligible position at a Duval County Public School where the student is eligible to attend or attend the next closest appropriate DCPS school.

**Priority 3 - Military Dependent Transition Preference** for a transitioning student who has a parent on active duty. (Students meet eligibility requirements when applicable, follow application procedures, reside in Duval County and in the household of the military affiliated parent, and submit active duty orders and emergency data record.) Please refer to School Board Policy 5.23 for complete details.

**Priority 4 - Sibling Preference** for a student who has a sibling residing at the same address who attends the same school and is eligible to return next year. Siblings applying for the first time are not eligible to receive sibling preference. Siblings are defined as brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister living at the same address.

**Priority 5 - General Priority** for students whose parent submits an application without any of the above priorities.

### KNOW YOUR SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS - MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNETS

Acceptance into most middle school magnet programs is not based on academic performance or other competitive criteria.

However, four magnet middle schools (Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts, James Weldon Johnson, Kirby-Smith and LaVilla School of the Arts) have academic performance standards which must be met for a student to remain the following year. Other schools may have a school-student contract that must be honored for students to remain in good standing. Each magnet school is responsible for making this information available to the parents of students who attend that school. These standards are:

**Grades 6-7** - Pass all courses

**Grades 7-8** - Maintain an overall unweighted 2.0 grade point average, and pass all courses

In addition, students at LaVilla must earn a "C" or higher in each arts area.

### THESE SCHOOLS HAVE SPECIAL ADMISSION PROCEDURES

LaVilla School of the Arts and Fort Caroline Middle School students with advanced training in the arts may be considered for admission to LaVilla and Fort Caroline MS through an audition. LaVilla and Fort Caroline will hold open auditions in January. Please contact the schools for specific dates and times. All students who audition **MUST** also submit an online application through the Parent/Guardian Account by the February 29 deadline in order to be considered for admission. All applicants for LaVilla and Fort Caroline MS, including successful auditions, are processed through the lottery.