



Nicholls State University Magnet Program

4th and 5th Grade Magnet Classes for students residing in Thibodaux

A collaborative endeavor between Nicholls State University College of Education & Behavioral Sciences and the Lafourche Parish School District

Magnet Students Admission Process

The Nicholls State University Magnet Program consists of one 4th grade class and one 5th grade class each with up to 26 students approved to attend.

Admission Requirements

- Students must be a current resident of Thibodaux school attendance zones.
- Students must have a minimum of final 3.0 overall GPA or higher (must be proven by final report card from the year prior to application).

Admission Considerations

- Applicant's discipline record from other schools attended
- Principal's recommendation
- Prior enrollment of one completed year within LPSD (including BCA and VAL)
- No applicant accepted mid-year due to acceleration

Program Offerings to Students

- Standard Education Courses with a college and career focus
- Accelerated Education Program with Enrichment Opportunities
- STEM Activities
- Novel Studies/Creative Writing
- Option to Participate in Gifted Programs such as Talented Art, Talented Music, and/or Talented Drama
- Extracurricular Activities such as Clubs during Enrichment Time
- Science and Social Studies Fairs
- Academic Contests/Competitions
- Service Learning Projects
- Academic Field Trips
- Other educational experiences enhanced by the collaboration with personnel of NSU and LPSD Supervisory Staff



Additional Information

Application deadline for the 2024 - 2025 school year is June 1, 2024.

There are 26 available seats in the 4th grade class for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

There are 5 available seats in the 5th grade class for the 2024 – 2025 school year.



Additional questions regarding the LPSD Nicholls State University Magnet program may be directed to the Lafourche Parish School District contact:

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Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get an Application Form?

Beginning April 25, 2024, parents can obtain the Nicholls State University Magnet Program application from the following locations:

- LPSD Website (www.mylpsd.com)
- C.M. Washington Website (<https://cmw.mylpsd.com>)
- W.S. Lafargue Website (<https://wsles.mylpsd.com>)

Are there any other forms or documentation in addition to the application that must be submitted?

- Students currently enrolled in LPSD schools are required to submit a completed application. If additional documentation is needed, parent will be contacted.
- Students not enrolled in LPSD schools will need two proofs of residence to verify domicile in Thibodaux area school attendance zone, birth certificate, copy of the student's final report card for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

If my child is accepted/enrolled in the program, does he/she need to reapply each year?

No, once a student is accepted into the Program and remains in good standing (as described in the Admission Requirements) he/she does not need to reapply while remaining in the school's program.

When will decision notifications be sent?

Decision notifications will be mailed to parents prior to the start of the school year.

If accepted, how do I enroll my child for the classes?

Once the response letter indicating acceptance is received, you must mail in the signed Application Status Notification and Consent forms to LPSD if your child is currently enrolled as a student in Lafourche Parish School District. If your child is not a current LPSD student, you must enroll the student at CMW and mail in the Status Notification and Consent forms.

How will parents be involved in the Program?

- The program will promote close cooperation and communication among families and the faculty/staff of the Magnet Program. LPSD and Nicholls will work hand in hand to make the program the best it can be for the students, to encourage parental involvement, and to help create a safe, nurturing, family environment.
- Parents must attend two parental involvement activities held during the school year including, but not limited to open house, literacy nights, numeracy nights, testing informal meetings, etc.

Will transportation be provided?

LPSD will transport students via their regular bus routes to CMW for breakfast and homeroom. After breakfast and homeroom, students will report to Enrichment, Band, Choir, and/or Clubs from 8:30-9:30. Students will be transported via school bus to Nicholls by 9:40 a.m. Students will report back to CMW for dismissal via bus by 3:30 p.m.

What is the process for checking a child in/out at Nicholls?

Limited designated parking near Polk Hall will be available for parents to park while checking students in/out.

Will the program classes follow the same school calendar?

Yes, except when LPSD and NSU calendars differ. When Nicholls is completely closed, Magnet Classes will remain at CMW. Parents will receive notifications in advance of these days.

How will students of the Magnet Program be provided breakfast/lunch?

LPSD will transport bag lunches from CMW to Nicholls following the safe transfer of food protocol. Students may choose to bring their own lunches instead of partaking in the provided lunches.