

Additional Information

- Students admitted to the Middle School Arts Magnet must enroll at Queens Lake Middle School as their home school.
- Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from Queens Lake Middle School if they are zoned for middle schools other than QLMS.
- Enrollment in the Middle School Arts Magnet does not guarantee acceptance into the School of the Arts in grade 9.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS MAGNET

LITERARY ARTS | THEATRE ARTS | RHYTHMIC ARTS

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The Program

The Middle School Arts Magnet, for students in grades 6–8, provides enrichment and instruction in literary arts, theatre arts, and rhythmic arts. Learning experiences encourage students to work independently and collaboratively to develop writing skills, prepare performances, create exhibitions that display their appreciation of the arts, develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and enhance self-esteem. Excellence in the arts is a natural extension of the middle school academic program.

Students take three 60-minute classes (Literary Arts, Theatre Arts and Rhythmic Arts) at the School of the Arts (SOA) facility at Bruton High School. These students also take four classes (history, math, science, and an elective/Exploratory Wheel or foreign language) at Queens Lake Middle School.

Students participating in the Middle School Arts Magnet begin their day at Queens Lake Middle School with their first block class then travel to SOA for Literary Arts (every day), Theatre Arts and Rhythmic Arts (alternating days). Following the magnet classes, students are transported back to Queens Lake Middle for lunch and their final class of the day.

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Eligibility

Students interested in participating in the Middle School Arts Magnet are expected to have good school attendance and citizenship. Additionally, students must have:

- Earned a “B” or above in the first semester or most recent semester of his/her English course
- Earned a passing score (400 or above) on the English: Reading Standard of Learning (SOL) assessment in the previous school year (or an equivalent achievement test from another state.)

Application Process

- Applications are available in the main office of each elementary and middle school, as well as at the School Board Office.
- The applications of eligible students will be grouped by grade level for random, lottery-style selection.



Courses

All courses are held at the School of the Arts, located on the Bruton High School campus.

Literary Arts

The Literary Arts courses replace middle school English and Advanced English courses. With these classes, students experience an advanced exploration of literature, writing, and language skills in creative and challenging interdisciplinary environments, learning how to uniquely express their talents with literature-based studies.

They will walk away from the program with an understanding of composition and communication, complete with clear critical-thinking skills, which will equip students for successful performance in subsequent English courses.

Theatre Arts

All Theatre Arts courses serve as electives. Students study theatre through history, culture, genres, and performances, with an emphasis on the role theatre has in contemporary society. Participation in theatrical productions and design efforts are a must to teach students how to distinguish between meaningful and mediocrity within the arts.

Rhythmic Arts

Rhythmic Arts courses replace middle school physical education requirements. Students learn to view dance as an art form and part of a healthy lifestyle. They'll explore the nuances of a variety of dance forms, including creative dance and improvisation. An emphasis is placed on the basics of choreography with consideration given to the diversity of style, as well as the historical and cultural aspects of the rhythmic arts.