In the York County School Division, students will be admitted, retained, dismissed, assigned and/or transferred and be allowed to participate in all programs and activities in the York County School Division without regard to race, color, creed, sex, national origin, political affiliation, age, disability or belief, except as permitted by state or federal law.

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Classes are held at the School of the Arts, which is located on the Bruton High School campus.
Literary Arts: An advanced exploration of literature, writing, and language skills; creative and challenging interdisciplinary environment; composition; communication; critical thinking skills; extension of expressive talents beyond the ordinary; literature-based study to enhance skills needed for successful performance in subsequent English courses. (These courses replace middle school English and Advanced English courses.)

Theatre Arts: Study of theatre through history, culture, genres, and performance; consideration of the role of theatre arts in contemporary society; participation in theatrical productions and design efforts; distinguishing between the meaningful and the mediocre in the arts. (These courses serve as middle school electives.)

Rhythmic Arts: Participation in dance as a healthy lifestyle as well as an art form; exploration of creative dance, improvisation, the basics of choreography, and a variety of dance forms; consideration of the diversity of style, historical, and cultural aspects of the rhythmic arts. (These courses replace middle school physical education courses.)

**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.

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS MAGNET AT QUEENS LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**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 York County 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 with their first block class and then travel to SOA at BHS 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.

**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)

**APPLYING FOR THE MAGNET**

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