

## STUDENTS

### 7:53 Establishment of Coretta Scott King Magnet School

In the 2005-2006 school year the Board of Education approved the establishment of a district magnet school. The magnet school was instituted in response to the No Child Left Behind law as it relates to schools that receive Title I funding and are underperforming academically. In the 2005-2006 school year there was an elementary school in the district that had not made adequately yearly progress for four consecutive years; the Board made the decision to restructure the underperforming school and open a magnet school in the 2006-2007 school year. The magnet school was named Coretta Scott King.

Coretta Scott King Magnet School has an open enrollment policy to students that reside in the district and are eligible to be in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Each classroom is limited to an enrollment of 25 students per classroom. The total amount of available seats per grade level is proportionally divided by each community. Proportionality is based on the total student enrollment percentages of the entire district by community. The following are the percentages of seats given to each community by grade level: Any child eligible for grade acceleration under [105 ILCS 5/14A5-15 et seq.](#) will be subject to the proportionality requirements set forth above.

University Park	40%	20 seats in a grade level of 50 students
Crete	35%	18 seats in a grade level of 50 students
Park Forest	12%	6 seats in a grade level of 50 students
Monee	12%	6 seats in a grade level of 50 students

If a community does not fill their seats, the seats must stay open unless enrollment becomes so low in any particular classroom or grade that the superintendent requests from the Board consideration to fill the seats with students who may be on the waiting list from other communities. Student seats are filled on an annual basis based from applications on file which constitute a waiting list. A lottery is held each spring, no later than June 15 of each year, to fill the seats in Kindergarten. Seats for other grade levels are filled in the fall of each year.

#### Admission Requirements

The admission requirements for acceptance into Coretta Scott King are the following:

- A family must fill out an application for each child, including Kindergarten and submit it to the district.
- The student must be a resident of the district.
- The parents or guardians must be willing to abide by the school uniform policy as found in Board Policy 7:165.
- The family must sign and abide by the school-family compact.

#### Application and Admission Procedures

- No applications will be accepted for preschoolers or preschool age children unless accelerated placement of the child under [105 ILCS 5/14A-15 et seq.](#) is warranted.
- Applications will be accepted for kindergarten **through grade 5** eligible children only. To be considered kindergarten eligible, the child must be five years old by September 1 of the year they plan to enter kindergarten or otherwise be eligible for accelerated placement under [105 ILCS 5/14A-15 et seq.](#)
- Acceptance into kindergarten is through a lottery unless the student is accepted under the

Family Admission Policy. In order to participate in the lottery, Kindergarten eligible students must register for kindergarten during Spring Kindergarten Registration and have an approved kindergarten application on file.

- Under the Family Admission Policy, kindergarten eligible siblings will be accepted into the kindergarten program if an older sibling is currently enrolled and in attendance at the school at the time the younger sibling becomes eligible to register for kindergarten. For the purposes of this policy, a kindergarten eligible sibling must reside in the same household as and share a custodial parent of the older qualifying sibling. This includes a foster child, adopted child, step child, or a child for whom the parent of the qualifying older sibling has legal guardianship.
- When kindergarten eligible students are accepted under the Family Admission Policy, parents/guardians must register their student(s) for kindergarten ~~during Spring Kindergarten Registration~~ and have an approved application on file. These incoming students will not be placed in the kindergarten lottery, but will be placed on a kindergarten class list.
- Under the Family Admission Policy, if the aggregate number of eligible kindergarten children from any one community exceeds the community allocation, a special kindergarten lottery will be held for that community. Kindergarten eligible students selected in this lottery will attend Coretta Scott King. Those students not selected will be the first students placed on the waiting list according to their lottery number and will attend their home school.
- The kindergarten lottery will be held no later than ~~May 15th~~ **June 15th** of each school year. Parents/guardians will be notified in writing of the lottery outcome for their student(s).
- Kindergarten eligible students who are not selected through the lottery to attend kindergarten at Coretta Scott King will be put on a waiting list.
- ~~Kindergarten eligible students who have been accepted into the school, and whose parents/guardians decline to accept enrollment in the full day kindergarten program at Coretta Scott King will lose their seat in kindergarten and be placed on the waiting list for 1st grade.~~
- The Family Admission Policy only applies to kindergarten eligible students. Students in grades other than kindergarten, who do not attend Coretta Scott King and have an older sibling currently enrolled and in attendance at the school must have an approved application on file and will be put on a waiting list for their appropriate grade. These students cannot bypass other students on waiting list because another sibling is enrolled in the school.
- If multiple siblings from a family are on the waiting list, acceptance of one student from the waiting list does not result in other siblings from the waiting list being automatically accepted into the school. Each student will be accepted into the school independent of the other siblings.
- Siblings, who have the same birth date and are eligible to be enrolled in the same grade, whose applications have the same acceptance date, can be enrolled simultaneously in the school only if there is room in the designated grade to accept all of the siblings simultaneously.

If a child is accepted into the school and the parent declines the invitation for the child to attend the school, the child's name will be removed from the waiting list. The parent/guardian can reapply for admission and the student's name will be placed on the waiting list.

If a child withdraws from the school and wants to return to Coretta Scott King, the parent/guardian can reapply for admission and the student's name will be placed on the waiting list.

If a student on the waiting list is retained or moves to another community, that student will be placed at the end of the waiting list for the new grade level or community.

If a student withdraws from the school and has other siblings in the school, the other siblings can remain in the school.

~~Annually, parents/guardians must confirm their desire for their child(ren) to remain on the waiting list. The District will initiate the confirmation process through written notification~~

~~in the fall of each school year. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to confirm their intent to remain on~~

~~the waiting list through certified mail, or personal delivery of confirmation within 10 business days of receiving written notification. Parents/guardians who deliver their confirmation to the district office will receive a receipt verifying delivery of their confirmation. End the end of the 10 day period and before removing any student from the waiting list, the district will attempt to call parents who have not confirmed their intent to remain on the waiting list.~~

#### Reasons for Removal from the School:

- A child can be removed from the school if the parents/guardians refuse to have the child wear the school uniform.
- A child can be removed from the school for disciplinary infractions that result in a recommendation for expulsion or the child has multiple suspensions or serious disciplinary infractions that would result in removal of the child to an alternative school setting.
- A child can be removed from the school if the parent/guardian willfully and consistently refuses to abide by the Parent-Student-Staff Compact.
- If student retention or acceleration in a grade will cause the grade level to exceed the number of slots allocated to a community, the student will be transferred to their home school in the retained or promoted grade level for the next school year. There is no appeal process for transfer decisions. However, the superintendent or designee may request from the Board to consider placing the student in the retained or accelerated grade level in an attempt to maintain educational consistency. Available community slots will not be a factor in the decision and may result in class sizes exceeding 25. Any increase in class size is subject to Board approval. If the Board does not approve, the student may be placed on the waiting list and can re-enter the school through the waiting list process.
- Families with students enrolled at Coretta Scott King must register their children annually through the district registration process to remain eligible to attend Coretta Scott King Magnet School. Parents that do not register their child(ren) by the end of the regular registration period or ten days before the first student attendance day of the school year (whichever is later) will forfeit their child(ren)'s seat to a student(s) on the waiting list.
- No child can be removed from the school except by the authority of the superintendent.
- No child will be removed from the school without the consent of the Board of Education.

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### **Crete-Monee School District 201-U**

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