



BRISTOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School

FAQ

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What is the focus of the magnet school? The school will provide our students “with the opportunity to explore the vast number of post-secondary career opportunities in the arts”. Students will “draw, paint, sing, dance, play a musical instrument, act in a play” and “use mathematical and science skills . . . learn how to utilize sound and lighting systems, create and edit digital media and communicate this learning in multiple formats” so that students gain “access to post-secondary educational opportunities in their home town” (Educational Specifications for Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Magnet School)

What is a pathway? A pathway will be a set of elective courses at the high school level that are connected by an area of learning within the creative arts industry. Pathways will include a dual-enrollment opportunity and a work-based experience.

What pathways *may* be available? 1) Creative construction, 2) Visual Arts, 3) Musical Arts, 4) Theatrical and TV/Video Productions, 5) Entertainment Management, and 6) Marketing and Communications.

How were the pathways developed? Pathways were drafted based on the original Educational Specifications, High School Graduation Requirements, and input from teachers, administrators, community members, students, and parents.

What kinds of courses will be in each pathway? Courses will be developed by curriculum committees made up of teachers certified in the content areas along with expertise by individuals within the career field.

How will students be selected to attend? The Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet will be based on lottery system.

When will the lottery take place?

The first lottery will take place in January prior to the next school year before the school opens.

How will high school students receive the rest of the courses required for graduation?

Students will take their core curriculum (science, social studies, mathematics and science) at the high school for their attendance area. This may mean alternating days at the arts magnet and their high school or a split schedule daily.