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Dear Parents of 2nd and 3rd Grade Students:

The Grosse Pointe Public School System offers a magnet program for 3rd and 4th graders that exhibit the need for accelerated learning. The Child Study Committee, which reviews each child for placement in the magnet program, is currently accepting parent nominations from 2nd grade and 3rd grade families for possible placement in one of our 3/4 magnet classrooms for the Fall of 2025. The magnet classrooms are currently housed at Defer, Ferry, Monteith and Richard Elementary.

The grade-level subject curriculum is extended to meet the accelerated cognitive needs of identified students. Recommendation for the magnet program is based on several factors: district-wide NWEA testing results in both Math and ELA, current classroom teacher recommendation in ELA, Math, and gifted traits, student Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment sample, and parental input. Criteria for Magnet placement includes but is not limited to the following:

- Ability to work approximately one grade level ahead
- Consistently performing near or above the 90th percentile in Math and Reading NWEA
- Grosse Pointe Writing scores above grade level expectations

The curriculum of the magnet program follows the Grosse Pointe curriculum. Students are advanced at least one year in math, and Language Arts concepts are taught with advanced depth and breadth. Content area subjects (social studies and science) are taught on a yearly, rotational basis.

We are accepting parent nominations through **Wednesday, December 11th** if you feel your child has a need for accelerated learning. [Nominations can be made by completing this form.](#)

The Child Study Committee will meet in March to review each nominated student's portfolio. A formal recommendation for placement in the magnet program will be made in April for Fall 2025. Each family who has a nominated student will receive an email notification in April indicating the committee's recommendation for either the magnet program or for continued classroom differentiation.

Families who are recommended for magnet in Fall 2025 will receive an invitation to visit the magnet classrooms (Defer, Ferry, Monteith and Richard) during the annual Magnet Visitation Day in late April. Magnet recommended families will fill out a Letter of Magnet Acceptance either accepting or declining the recommendation. If the classrooms exceed capacity, there will be a Magnet Lottery which will be held at the end of April. Each family will be contacted by phone immediately following the lottery for final acceptance or decline of their spot in the magnet program.

The magnet program is a learning environment for our most capable learners and we are excited to provide this opportunity to our students. Staffing of the magnet classrooms will be completed by the summer. The district reserves the right to add, combine, or cancel any Magnet location based on interest and/or space availability.

Sincerely,

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