



CCSD's Choice Application:

Applying to Academic Magnet High School For the 2010-2011 Academic Year



ABOUT ACADEMIC MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

The mission of the **Academic Magnet High School** (AMHS) is to challenge each student, teacher, and parent with the high expectations of a rigorous curriculum. Centrally-located and serving approximately 600 students, AMHS provides a close-knit learning environment that prepares young adults for college and develops self-esteem. Students are encouraged to be citizens of the world, cultivate a respect for cultural diversity, and acquire a sense of global responsibility.

All courses are taught at the honors or Advanced Placement level, offering students an unmatched opportunity to earn college credit and to earn a grade point average greater than 4.0 on a 4.0 scale. AMHS students are required to conduct a year-long independent research project in the field of the student's choice with the guidance and direction of the faculty and a mentor. Students have been published in academic and professional journals in such fields as psychology, chemistry, and epidemiology.



APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

- Completed applications (Parts A and B) should be submitted to AMHS by **Friday, December 4, 2009**. All mailed applications must be postmarked by this date. Please keep this page for your records.
- As a county-wide magnet school, any resident of Charleston County may apply for AMHS admission. Please call (843) 746-1300 if you need to verify your attendance zone.
- Please call (843) 746-1300 or visit amhs.ccsdschools.com for more information.
- Application materials may be hand delivered or mailed to 1525 Avenue B South, North Charleston, SC 29405.
- If contact or student information changes, parents are responsible for contacting the school and making those changes.

ACADEMIC MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL'S APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Date	Application Step
Thursday, October 29, 2009	Applications available online and at school.
Thursday, November 5, 2009 6:00 pm	Open House at AMHS: All students interested in applying and their parents are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.
Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Burke High	District-Wide Choice Fair for Students & Parents
Friday, December 4, 2009	Applications MUST be postmarked or received by 4:00 p.m. to be included in the AMHS selection process.
December 2009-January 2010	Applications reviewed
January 2010	Letters indicating selection status issued to all applicants who applied by the deadline
January 2010	Students selected for admission must notify school regarding their decisions.

School Student Is Wishing to Attend in 2010-2011

Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Grade for the 2010-2011 School Year
Name of School Student is Enrolled in During the 2009-2010 School Year <i>(if applicable)</i>		
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Mailing Address <i>(if different from above)</i>		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address

Parent/Guardian Information

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Child
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Mailing Address <i>(if different from above)</i>		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Home Phone	Personal Cell Phone	Personal Email Address
Employer	Work Phone	Work Email Address

Additional Parent/Guardian Information *(if applicable)*

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Child
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Mailing Address <i>(if different from above)</i>		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Home Phone	Personal Cell Phone	Personal Email Address
Employer	Work Phone	Work Email Address

Academic Magnet High School Application

To Parents and Students: Please read this form carefully. To be considered for admission, Parts A and B must be completed by you and your school official and returned or postmarked to Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) **no later than December 4, 2009**. Therefore, you are responsible for completing Part A in its entirety and the "To Be Completed by Student" section of each recommendation form in Part B. Submit Part A and all sections of Part B to your school's guidance counselor or teacher for recommendations. Your guidance counselor or school official will submit all application materials to AMHS. Please call (843) 746-1300 or visit amhs.ccsdschools.com for more information.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE STUDENT CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE.

To School Guidance Personnel or Administrator: Please submit the school's application packet (including Part A, Part B, and the required documents as outlined below) to Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) **no later than December 4, 2009**. Mailed packets must be postmarked by this date. Application materials may be hand delivered, faxed to (843) 746-1310, or mailed to 1525 Avenue B South, North Charleston SC, 29405. Please call (843) 746-1300 or visit amhs.ccsdschools.com for more information.

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Part I – To be Completed by School Guidance Personnel

School _____ Address _____

Test Name _____ Date _____

This application must include:

- A copy of student's most **current test score report**
- A copy of student's **most current 2009-2010 report card** (not progress report)

Each 9th grade applicant must also include a copy of his or her seventh grade report card.

Students applying for 10th or 11th grade must also include an official transcript.

Name and Signature of Official School Personnel **Position**

Part II – Writing Sample

Writing samples must completed by December 4, 2009 for 9th grade & April 1, 2010 for 10th & 11th grades. The deadline for applications, which includes a writing sample, is December 4, 2009 for 9th and April 1, 2010 for 10th & 11th.

Writing sample sessions will be scheduled at most public middle schools. Please call the middle school guidance office for the date. Other students should call AMHS to schedule an appointment. Writing sample sessions at AMHS will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30.

The Admission Committee will complete the selection process for 9th grade by January 15, 2010 and mail a confirmation form. Once a student is selected for admission to the 9th grade, parents must confirm acceptance by the date stated on the form.

Admission to 10th & 11th is limited to space availability. You will be notified by mail of your position on the waiting list for these spaces by May 15, 2010.

Part III – Teacher Recommendations

Three teacher recommendations are required and confidential. Please use the form provided. The recommendations must come from the student's **English Language Arts** teacher, **Math** teacher and either their **Science or Social Studies** teacher.



**Academic Magnet High School–
Recommendation: English Language Arts Teacher**

To be Completed By Student:

Dear Student:

Please submit this form and an envelope labeled with your name to your English Language Arts teacher. The teacher will submit the envelope with the completed recommendation to your guidance counselor or school official.

Student's Name _____

Current School _____

To be Completed By Teacher:

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for your assistance in the AMHS application process. Please complete the information below and return this form to the school guidance counselor or other school official. All application materials must be submitted to AMHS by **December 4, 2009** for all applicants applying for the 9th grade.

Teacher's Name _____ Telephone _____

Subject Area _____

Please circle the appropriate point on the scale to show the applicant's rating on the characteristics below in relation to other students you have taught.

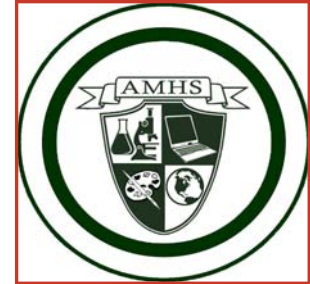
Characteristics	Cannot Judge	Below Average	Average	Very Good	Outstanding	Excellent
Analytical Thinking	0	1	2	3	4	5
Independence of Thought	0	1	2	3	4	5
Originality	0	1	2	3	4	5
Effectiveness of Oral Communication	0	1	2	3	4	5
Effectiveness of Written Communication	0	1	2	3	4	5
Judgment and Maturity	0	1	2	3	4	5
Industry and Persistence	0	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership Ability	0	1	2	3	4	5

Do you recommend this student for honors level classes? Yes No

Additional comments: *(If necessary, please attach a separate sheet with typed comments.)*

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

**Academic Magnet High School–
 Recommendation: Mathematics Teacher**



To be Completed By Student:

Dear Student:

Please submit this form and an envelope labeled with your name to your Mathematics teacher. The teacher will submit the envelope with the completed recommendation to your guidance counselor or school official.

Student's Name _____

Current School _____

To be Completed By Teacher:

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for your assistance in the AMHS application process. Please complete the information below and return this form to the school guidance counselor or other school official. All application materials must be submitted to AMHS by **December 4, 2009** for all applicants applying for the 9th grade.

Teacher's Name _____ Telephone _____

Subject Area _____

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Leadership Ability	0	1	2	3	4	5

Do you recommend this student for honors level classes? Yes No

Additional comments: *(If necessary, please attach a separate sheet with typed comments.)*

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____



**Academic Magnet High School–
 Recommendation: Science or Social Studies Teacher**

To be Completed By Student:

Dear Student:

Please submit this form and an envelope labeled with your name to your Science or Social Studies teacher. The teacher will submit the envelope with the completed recommendation to your guidance counselor or school official.

Student's Name _____

Current School _____

To be Completed By Teacher:

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for your assistance in the AMHS application process. Please complete the information below and return this form to the school guidance counselor or other school official. All application materials must be submitted to AMHS by **December 4, 2009** for all applicants applying for the 9th grade.

Teacher's Name _____ Telephone _____

Subject Area _____

Please circle the appropriate point on the scale to show the applicant's rating on the characteristics below in relation to other students you have taught.

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Do you recommend this student for honors level classes? Yes No

Additional comments: *(If necessary, please attach a separate sheet with typed comments.)*

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____