

**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 02-1218-PO03 AND
ADOPT A NEW POLICY ON MAGNET SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board rescind Board Report 02-1218-PO03 and adopt a new Policy on Magnet Schools and Programs.

operation of magnet schools and programs in the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS" or "the District").
Magnet schools and programs have several goals including (1) to provide and maintain desegregation in

Advanced Placement Courses are designed to provide a challenging liberal arts course

of instruction for students with high academic potential. The instructional program in these

schools is accelerated and highly structured for strong academic achievement in literature,

3. **Application and Admission Process**

For Magnet Schools and Magnet Cluster Schools. In the fall of each school year, the District shall

make available a Standard Application for magnet schools and magnet cluster schools

Applications may be submitted for students seeking enrollment in the following school year. There is no limit to the number of schools to which students may apply. Where there are more applicants than available seats, the District shall select students through a computerized lottery process. Parents will be notified of application status in accordance with the guidelines set out in the District's Options for Knowledge publication. In cases where the IEP of students with physical impairments requires that the children attend school in an accessible building and a magnet

school that has a neighborhood enrollment of less than 30 percent, shall hold a separate

and a 2.5 mile proximity of the magnet high school. Students living within the established proximity boundary of a magnet school may apply to the school through the general lottery or through the proximity lottery. For those magnet schools that have an attendance boundary, a

V. TRANSPORTATION

CPS provides transportation to students attending its magnet schools and programs in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and the following guidelines.

1. Application to and acceptance in any magnet school, magnet cluster school or CEAP school or

program shall be made without regard to whether a student is eligible for transportation services. Hence

a student may apply and be accepted to a magnet school or program regardless of whether the student would be entitled to receive transportation.

2. Transportation Services are provided to students attending elementary magnet schools and

existing bus routes are currently available. If no existing bus route is available, students will be provided with bus passes for use on public transportation.

4. If a student is accepted to a magnet school that is not accessible, and the student will be enrolled in the nearest accessible magnet school that has a comparable program, then the six-mile transportation limit will not apply if the closest accessible magnet school is further than six miles from the student's

residence.

5. If a student enrolls in a magnet school, becomes homeless, and chooses to remain at the magnet