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Carroll Junior High Magnet School

School Choice Information for 2021-2022

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Why was Carroll Junior High Magnet School identified as a “school in need of improvement” and how does it compare to other schools in Monroe City Schools and other schools in Louisiana? *According to Louisiana State guidelines, Carroll Junior High Magnet School has been deemed “academically unacceptable” with a letter grade of F. This letter grade is based on the school data from the 2018-2019 school year. More recent school performance data is not available since schools were not in session in Spring 2020 due to COVID-19.*

What is Carroll Junior High Magnet School doing to address the issue of achievement, and what are the school system and the Louisiana State Department of Education doing to help them address the issue? *The school system administration (school site and district staff), supported by outside experts, will evaluate all areas of instruction at Carroll Junior High Magnet School. This evaluation will include observations and interviews, as well as analysis of relevant student performance data. The information obtained will be used to prepare a School Improvement Plan. The plan will require classroom instruction and teacher training to focus on improving the areas in which students at Carroll Junior are having difficulty. The school will implement best practice reading, writing, and math strategies, tutorial programs, and technology-assisted instruction. Consultants will work along with the administration and staff to identify the most effective instructional practices for the diverse student population that attends Carroll Junior High Magnet School. The State Department of Education will help to address academic issues through additional funding and technical assistance through Federal and School Redesign funding sources. Additional assistance includes:*

- *In-school reinforcement of skills/tutoring*
- *Staffing with highly-qualified teachers and paraprofessionals*
- *Effective professional development programs for all instructional staff based on evidence-based best practices targeting student engagement and academic success*
- *Additional support through professional school counselor, content leader teachers, on-site school psychologist, state and district support personnel*
- *On-site student health center*
- *School-based content-specific tutors provided during the school day for students identified with weaknesses in math and ELA*
- *Advanced classes in core content areas and a variety of high school credit courses*
- *Super Saturday test prep sessions and summer remediation*
- *Computer-based assessments in ELA and math*
- *Double-blocked ELA and math classes*
- *One-to-one computer access*
- *Wide selection of elective courses including Arts & Crafts, Band, Career Explorations, Choir, Keyboarding, Orchestra, Spanish, and Talented Art*
- *Competitive athletics in football, basketball, softball and track*
- *Organizations such as Explorers’ Club, Girls in Action, Robotics Team, and HOSA*
- *College site visits through LOSFA/GearUP*
- *Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) initiatives*

How can I become involved in addressing the issues that caused Carroll Junior High Magnet School to be identified as a school in need of improvement? *Families are encouraged to arrange a private conference with their child's teachers to discuss ways to improve academic performance. Families are also invited to participate as members of the School Improvement Team at Carroll Junior High Magnet School. The School Improvement Team is a group made up of the principal, assistant principal, teachers and parents that work to improve the education and overall learning experience for all students at Carroll Junior High Magnet School. Even if a family member does not serve as a member of the School Improvement Team, he or she may attend meetings of the team to discuss possible changes in any area of instruction to improve the school.*

Do I have to transfer my child to another school? *No. We are providing families with this opportunity as an option. The decision is entirely up to you, so you should base your decision on **what you think is best for your child**. If you choose to have your child attend school at Carroll Junior High Magnet School, continue with the registration process as required. If you do choose to transfer your child to another junior high school, he or she **must remain there for the full school year**.*

Is my child guaranteed a place in the accepting school? *Every effort will be made to give parents their first choice if requesting a transfer. However, it is possible that your child may not be granted enrollment in your first school of choice. Students will be granted enrollment in a school **based upon enrollment limits, individual achievement scores, and income levels as prescribed by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**.*

Will my child be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the new school? *Your child will be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at the new school as per Louisiana High School Athletic Association guidelines.*

How will my child travel to a receiving school? *If your transfer application is approved, your child will have free transportation to the receiving school. Transportation will be provided by MCS. Specific bus information will be available at Carroll Junior High Magnet School by Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Should your child become ill and need to go home early, parents must provide transportation home. Transportation will not be provided for your child to attend activities before or after school such as extracurricular activities or for parents to attend parent meetings and evening programs. *Please note: Depending on residence, bus pickup could be as early as 6:30 a.m. Return home could be as late as 4:00 p.m.*

If my child transfers to another junior high school, will he/she be moved to the associated high school for 9th grade? *No. School Choice transfers do not extend beyond the grade levels served by the receiving school. All three Monroe City Schools high schools have acceptable School Performance Scores and are not part of School Choice options. Attendance zones for the high schools remain unchanged.*

What is the deadline for applying for transfer? *If you decide you want to send your child to another junior high school, the Choice Request Form must be returned to the **Superintendent's Office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021**. If we do not receive the Choice Request Form from you by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021, your child will **remain** at Carroll Junior High Magnet School. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.*

When will you tell me if my transfer application is approved? *Parents will receive an official notification by Friday, May 7, 2021, informing them if their transfer application is approved.*

Who should I contact if I have additional questions? *Parents with additional questions should reach out to Dr. Brent Vidrine, Superintendent, at 318-325-0601.*