

Magnet Application FAQs for Students

1. Where can I find information about the magnet programs, and how do I know if I am eligible to apply for one or more magnet programs?

Please visit <http://vansd.org/choices/> to learn more about these programs. In addition, each school that offers a magnet program will host a Magnet Open House Event for parents and students to learn more about these programs. [Click here](#) to learn about eligibility and details about the upcoming Open House Events. You may also email the magnet coordinator if you have more specific questions.

- **Bay ACES** (Hudson's Bay High School), Bay.Aces@vansd.org
- **Culinary Arts** (Fort Vancouver High School), Fort.Culinary@vansd.org
- **International Baccalaureate** (Columbia River High School), River.IB@vansd.org
- **Medical Arts** (Fort Vancouver High School), Fort.Medical@vansd.org
- **Science-Math-Technology** (Skyview High School), Skyview.SMT@vansd.org
- **Vancouver Flex Academy**, VFA.Flex@vansd.org
- **Vancouver iTech Preparatory** (Grades 6-8 JPCC; Grades 9-12 WSUV), iTech@vansd.org
- **Vancouver School of Arts and Academics**, VSAA.Arts@vansd.org
- **Welding/Fabrication Technology** (Fort Vancouver High School), Fort.Welding@vansd.org

2. When will the online magnet application window open, how do I apply, and what information will I need when submitting my application?

Beginning Tuesday, January 12, **at 4 PM PST**, please use **Google Chrome** or **Safari** as your browser to go to <http://vansd.org/choices/> and click on **Apply Today** link on this page to complete your application. Please have the following information ready when you apply:

- Your 5 or 6-digit VPS Student ID # (*Non-current VPS students, please use 00000 as your Student ID when applying*)
- Your home address
- Your parent's email address
- Your parent's phone #
- And . . . if you plan to apply for one or more of the following magnet programs, you will need to provide the first name, last name, and email address for the required recommendations or counselor approvals. Your application cannot be submitted without including this information in your application. Recommenders' names and email addresses can be found on school web sites.
 - **Culinary Arts**—One counselor approval required
 - **Medical Arts**—Two current English, Math, or Science teacher recommendations required
 - **Science-Math-Technology Magnet**—One current or former Math, Science, or Technology teacher recommendation required
 - **Vancouver School of Arts and Academics**—Three teacher recommendations required; one arts teacher, one classroom teacher, one principal
 - **Welding/Fabrication Technology**—One counselor approval required

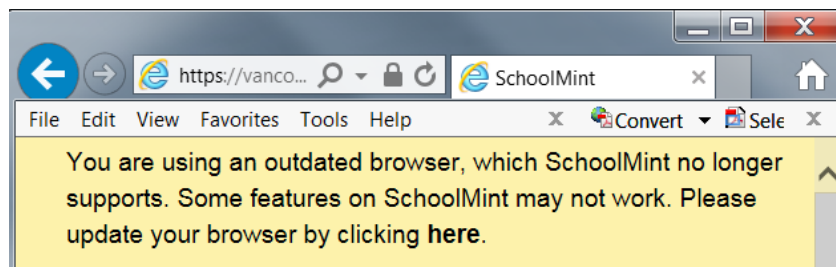
3. Who do I contact if I have questions about the online magnet application as I am completing it?

Please email support@schoolmint.com or call 1-844-287-2466. Support is available in English and Spanish Monday - Friday, 10 AM – 5 PM PST.

4. What if I have a sibling who also wants to apply, do we each need to create accounts to apply?

Only one online magnet application account needs to be created per family to apply for any and all students in the family even if all students in the family do not all reside at the same address. In the application, space is provided to identify all parents/guardians as well as the resident address information for each student applicant in the family.

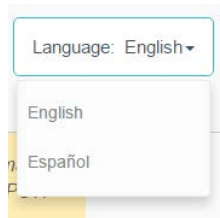
5. Why do I get the error message below when attempting to apply?



You are more than likely using a browser that will not support the magnet application. Please use **Google Chrome** or **Safari** as your browser. Internet Explorer will **not** work.

6. Is the online magnet application available in languages other than English?

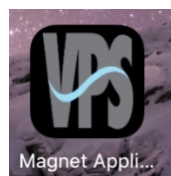
Yes, applicants may choose to have the application translated to Spanish by choosing the 'Español' language from the drop down menu in the upper right-hand corner of the application window on the Sign-In page as shown below:



Applicants choosing to **view** the application in Spanish should answer the application questions in **English**.

7. Can I use my iPad to apply?

Yes, beginning January 12, students should see an app like the one shown below that will take them directly to the online magnet application.



8. What if I forget my online magnet application Username and/or Password?

[Click here](#) to go to the magnet application login page, click on the 'Forgot my Username' and/or 'Forgot my Password' links and an automatically generated email or text will be sent to you with the directions to retrieve your Username and/or Password.

9. How will the recommenders or counselors be notified to complete the recommendation or counselor approval?

After submitting your application, recommender(s) and/or counselors will receive an automatically generated email directing them to the link to complete your recommendation(s) and/or counselor approval(s).

10. How will I know if my application has been received and/or if the necessary recommendations or counselor approvals have been submitted?

After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email and/or text message within two hours of applying. If you do not receive the email, please look for it in your Junk Mail or SPAM folder. You may also [click here](#) to login to the online magnet application to check the status of your application and recommendations at any time. Remember, you must use **Google Chrome** or **Safari** as your browser.

11. Do I have to attend each Open House Event for the program(s) for which I am interested in applying?

This is only true if you are applying to Vancouver iTech Preparatory. Student and parent/guardian attendance at one of two Vancouver iTech Preparatory Open House events is **required** to complete the application process and be considered for the lottery. Students applying for Vancouver iTech Preparatory will need to complete a brief questionnaire when in attendance at one of the two open houses. [Click here](#) for details about the upcoming Open House Events.

12. When will notification of acceptance to one or more magnet programs occur?

Acceptance offers with directions on how to accept an offer will be sent to students **no earlier** than Friday, March 11, by 4 PM PST. Offers will be sent via text message, email, and/or mailed letter.

13. By what date do I need to accept an offer?

Magnet program acceptance is due no later than Friday, March 18, 2016, 4 PM PST.

14. May I accept more than one offer?

No, if you are presented with more than one offer, once you accept your 'first choice' offer, all other offers are automatically rescinded.