

Vanguard Magnet Program Information

Vanguard is the name for HISD's gifted and talented program (GT). To be designated as a GT student, one must demonstrate academic performance above and beyond the average student. The district uses measures in achievement and ability to determine whether a student qualifies as a GT student.

A magnet school allows for HISD students that do not live in the zoned area to attend the school through a lottery transfer process.

As a designated Vanguard Magnet program, River Oaks Elementary allows for HISD GT qualified students that do not live in the zoned area, to apply for admissions.

Vanguard Magnet FAQs

How do you apply to River Oaks Elementary's Vanguard Magnet Program?

A parent must submit an application online at <http://hisdchoice.com> within the designated timeframe of October 1 – December 18, 2015 to be considered as a candidate for the 2015-2016 school year.

Once I apply, what should I expect?

If your child is already a HISD GT student, his/her name will be placed in a lottery for an available seat.

If your child is not a HISD GT student, then testing will be scheduled. In addition to testing, other required documents will be reviewed to complete a matrix for qualification to the Vanguard program.

What are the chances that my child will be offered a seat for the upcoming school year?

Every year, at every grade level, there are more qualified applicants than seats available. A lottery will be held among the qualified candidates to determine who is offered the available seats. The remaining students will be placed on a waitlist.

When will I know if my child is being offered a seat at River Oaks Elementary?

Parents will be informed of their child's status in March 2016 through the electronic Smart Choice application website.

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