



## **JL Mann Magnet School Program Frequently Asked Questions For Homebase Students**

1. **How do I find out more about the three academic pathways in the magnet program?**  
By visiting the JL Mann website homepage and clicking “Admissions to...” in the vertical box on the left side. This will take you to the magnet page. Scroll until you reach *Magnet Course of Studies*. Select the pathway(s) that are of most interest you and review the four-year plan. Home base students may enter the Magnet Distinction Program in Math or Science any time by the start of their sophomore year. Students who choose the Technology pathway must do so by registration in their freshman year and be keyboarding proficient.
2. **How many pathways am I allowed to choose?** Students may choose ONE pathway. Changes are permitted no later than the end of the freshman year. Requests for change must be made in writing and submitted to your counselor and the Magnet Coordinator by May 1 of the freshman year. Schedule changes must be completed by May 15.
3. **Do I have to submit a magnet application?** Homebase students who choose the Magnet Distinction program do NOT have to complete the magnet application. They do have to submit a Request for Participation letter to the Magnet Coordinator and their counselor stating why they would like to enter the program and their reasons for selecting a particular pathway. The Magnet Student Contract must also be completed and signed and dated by student and parent.
4. **When do I have to decide?** It is advisable to enter the Magnet Distinction program as a freshman. Registration will soon be underway and you will need to choose your classes. Students may also enter at the start of the sophomore year provided they have been approved for the program the previous spring and have completed all registration and paperwork requirements.
5. **Do I have to complete a Senior Project?** All students who enter the Magnet Distinction Program beginning with the 2009-2010 school year must complete a Senior Project by December of their senior year. Projects must be approved by the committee by May 1 of the junior year.
6. **Can my Senior Project be about anything I choose?** If you enter the Magnet Distinction Program beginning with school year 2009-10, your project topic should relate to the academic pathway you have selected or a combination of the three pathways. For example, if your pathway is technology, your project should reflect the application of acquired knowledge and skills in this area. OR... you may decide to integrate knowledge of math and science into a project that includes application of technological skills.
7. **I have heard that an internship in a math, science or technology related business can be substituted for a Senior Project. Is this true?** You have heard correctly. The guidelines, requirements and logistics are currently in place. Please visit the magnet page on the Mann website to view the Senior Project Handbook.
8. **Will I be able to substitute some required pathway courses with an approved program at a Career Center and still earn Magnet Distinction?** Yes. We have two students who are enrolled in the Golden Strip Career Center and working toward Magnet Distinction. Please visit the Career Center website to see a list of programs.

For additional information, contact your JL Mann counselor or Debbie Howard at [dhoward@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:dhoward@greenville.k12.sc.us) or 355-6326 or Kathy Richardson at 355-6300.