

Nomination Information for Magnet Program

Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Elementary Magnet Program is housed at New Market, North Frederick, and Urbana Elementary Schools. The magnet program is designed for academically gifted students in grades 1 – 5 who are performing at least one year above grade level in both language arts and mathematics. After February 7, 2008, the Office of Gifted and Talented Education will be accepting nominations of present kindergarten through fourth grade students for possible placement in the magnet program for the 2008 - 2009 school year. Beginning February 7, 2008, nomination forms and the *Parent/Guardian Rating Form* may be obtained from the school office, the FCPS Office of Gifted and Talented Education, or online at <http://www.fcps.org/content/gnt.cfm>.

Students may be nominated for the magnet program by school staff, parents, or jointly. To allow time for staff to administer placement tests and gather additional assessment information, strict deadlines and locations for submitting nominations have been established, as follows:

- Parents of FCPS students wishing to nominate their child must submit a nomination form and completed *Parent/Guardian Rating Form* to the school office by March 7, 2008.
- Parents of home-schoolers or non-public school students who reside in Frederick County and wish to nominate their child must submit a nomination form and completed *Parent/Guardian Rating Form* directly to the FCPS Office of Gifted and Talented Education by March 7, 2008.
- Parents of gifted students who will be relocating to Frederick County, MD, prior to July 11, 2008, should contact the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at 301-696-6891 regarding nomination procedures for the 2008-2009 school year.

A Magnet Program Overview for parents interested in nominating their child will be held on February 13, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Staff Development Area of the Hayward Road complex (7630 Hayward Road, Frederick, MD). The overview will include details about the magnet program and the nomination and placement processes. Please note that this meeting is designed for parents, not students. The snow date for the overview is February 20 at the same time and location. Questions may be directed to the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at 301-696-6891.