

McEver Arts Academy



Magnet School Application 2021-2022

Student Name

School (Currently Enrolled)

Grade Level in 2021-2022



Introduction

McEver Arts Academy is an innovative magnet school that is dedicated to helping students to become proficient readers, creative thinkers, and problem solvers by engaging them via the Arts Integration Model. The faculty and staff of the McEver Arts Academy understand that all children come to school with their own gifts and talents. This model uses the art of dance, music, movement, drama, and visual arts to engage students in authentic learning of the Georgia Performance Standards and the National Standards for the Arts. This way of teaching and learning will help make connections, expose students to various art opportunities, and improve student academic performance in all academic areas.

The concept for our magnet in Arts Integration uses a three-level approach to engage our students' learning while exposing them to the arts. Level I uses the integration of arts-based strategies throughout the school in every classroom across the content areas. Each teacher is trained in teaching an art-infused curriculum to our students that incorporates dance, movement, music, visual arts, and drama. Level II promotes collaboration between content teachers and the specialists in the arts to create and develop arts-integrated interdisciplinary units. These collaborative learning communities build meaningful and engaging units which might include assistance provided by art consultants and community resources in the arts. Level III is comprised of expanding experiences and arts opportunities to build memories and background knowledge for our students. Our goal is to expose children to many art experiences.

McEver Arts Academy Application Process

Requirements to Apply

Families whose children would thrive in our focused environment and who desire to make a commitment to active involvement in our magnet school are encouraged to apply through our magnet application process. Any Hall County School District student in upcoming grades kindergarten-fifth grade may apply. Parents of students who live outside the school attendance zone must provide transportation for their children to and from school.

Application and Selection Procedure

1. Parents/Guardians and students complete a Student Application and submit it to the main office of McEver Arts Academy in person or by mail:
McEver Arts Academy
3265 Montgomery Drive
Gainesville, GA 30504
2. Completed application packets will be reviewed by the McEver Arts Selection Committee. Students will be selected based on availability in each grade level and the strength of the application, recommendations, and family commitment.
3. Committee decisions are final. Applicants not selected during the initial review may have the option of applying to McEver Arts Academy with the House Bill 251 Transfer Request Form and may be admitted depending on available space.
4. Applications must be received on or before March 19, 2021. Parents will be notified by phone of the status of their child's application by April 12, 2021. Parents must accept or decline by April 19, 2021.

McEver Arts Academy Application Checklist

Application Checklist

(Please check off as each step is completed.)

- ___ 1. Complete all of the student and parent/guardian information in Parts I and II of the application packet (below)
- ___ 2. Complete Part III, the *References* Information, and attach 2 references from teachers and/or community members who are not related to your child. If your child is currently in school, please include at least one of the references from a current teacher.
- ___ 3. Complete Part IV, the *Parent/Student Questionnaire* and attach to the application packet.
- ___ 4. Complete Part V, *Parent Assurances* on page 4.
- ___ 5. Sign Part VI, the *Certification* statement on page 4.
- ___ 6. For upcoming 1st-5th grade students, attach a copy of latest report card, standardized test scores (if applicable), behavior record, and attendance record to the packet.

**Application packet must be received at
McEver Arts Academy
On or before March 19, 2021.**

McEver Arts Academy Student Application

I. Student Information

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current School: _____

Does the student have a sibling applying to or already attending McEver Arts for the 2021-2022 school year? If yes, please list name(s) and grade level(s) of those siblings:

II. Parent/Guardian Information

With whom does student live as a permanent resident?

Both parents Mother Father Other

Father's/Guardian's name: _____

Mother's/Guardian's name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

III. References

Please ask two teachers or community members to complete recommendation letters and **attach these** to the application. One of the references must be a current classroom teacher (if applicable).

Reference Contact Information:

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| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Name | Phone | Email Address |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Name | Phone | Email Address |

IV. Parent/Student Questionnaire

Please answer the questions below and attach to the application. Please limit your responses to 1-2 paragraphs.

- 1. Why are you interested in your child attending McEver Arts Academy?**
- 2. What are some of your expectations of your child’s experience at McEver Arts Academy?**
- 3. What have been your child’s greatest challenges in school or at home, and what has been done to help your child overcome those challenges?**

If your child is an upcoming 4th or 5th grader, please have them complete the following question in a sentence or two and attach to the application.

- 1. Why do you want to attend McEver Arts Academy Academy?**

V. Parent Assurances

- I grant permission for the McEver Arts Academy Selection Committee to request and review my child’s complete academic and discipline records.
- I live in the Hall County School District attendance area. Because I live outside the school attendance zone, I commit to providing prompt transportation to and from school for my child to attend McEver Arts Academy.
- I will commit to volunteer and to participate in the school life at McEver Arts Academy.
- I understand that if my child has persistent problems with behavior, motivation and/or attendance (including unexcused absences, days tardy, and/or check-outs) at McEver Arts Academy, then we will work with the school on a plan for improvement. If it becomes evident that my child will continue to struggle at McEver Arts Academy, then he/she may have to return to his/her home school.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

VI. Certification and Signature Page

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that if selected for the McEver Arts Academy, falsified statements may be grounds for removal.

Student Name (Print please)

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print please)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date