

Wintonbury Magnet School Lottery Application

Family Contact Information

Student Name	
Student Date of Birth (Must be 3 years old by January 1, 2010 to enter.)	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Parent/Guardian Contact Phone Number	
Student Address Town, Zip Code	
Other Parent/Guardian Contact Numbers (if additional)	
Email Contact Address	
If student has a sibling applying, list name & birthdate:	

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Magnet School Lottery will be held in
November 2008.

Applications must be postmarked by October 22nd or
delivered to the address below or submitted on-line by
October 24th at 4 PM

Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School
Bloomfield Public Schools
1133 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002
More info: www.wintonburymagnet.org

Application Process

Wintonbury

Early Childhood Magnet School

A Public Preschool and Kindergarten

44 Brown Street, Bloomfield, CT

Opening in the Fall of 2009



Featuring an early literacy and inquiry-based curriculum, enhanced through an on-going educational link with the Auer Farm in Bloomfield.

Participating Towns:

Avon, Bloomfield, East Granby, Granby,
Simsbury and West Hartford

Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School (WECMS) will open in the fall of 2009 for preschool, adding kindergarten in 2010. The preschool day is from 8:50–2:40 and kindergarten from 8:50 – 3:30. Before and after school care is available for a fee.

The Classrooms

WECMS is designed specifically for young children and their families. The school building is divided into three pods with six classrooms in each, creating smaller communities within the larger school. Each pod has 112 students with four preschool and two kindergarten classrooms. Classrooms are designed with science areas in each.

The playground is expansive and has three outdoor learning areas: a gardening area, an area for dramatic play (emphasizing language and literacy), and a play-scape/adventure space for climbing, swinging and riding tricycles.

A Science and Inquiry Focus

WECMS has a science and inquiry theme. As such, the school collaborates closely with the 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm, an educational resource located in Bloomfield. Classes make frequent visits to the farm. There are on-going links with agriculture throughout children's learning. Families are connected to the theme through on-going communication and through seasonal weekend family activities at the farm.

Curriculum

WECMS has goals for student learning based on Connecticut's Preschool and Kindergarten Curriculum Frameworks. Children's progress toward goals are documented and shared with families using the newest assessment tools.

The new facility enables the program to take advantage of recent advances in technology. This fosters the school's culture of on-going assessment, documentation and communication with families to optimize children's learning.

Based on the most current educational research and proven instructional strategies, the school focuses on enhancing young children's vocabulary, early literacy and number skills. The inquiry theme naturally supports skill development in these areas.

Family Partnerships

WECMS is designed with families in mind. A Family Resource Center is located in the school with programming for families throughout the year. The pod structure and mixed-age preschool lends itself to on-going partnerships with families. Children are with the same teaching staff for two years and the same pod community for all three years.

Logistics

Enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is open to three and four year old students.

Options for before and after school care are available through the Bloomfield's Extension Program. Extension operates beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. An optional summer program will be available. The school operates a school lunch program.

Transportation

Bus transportation is provided for Bloomfield residents. Bloomfield parents may drive their children. Families from other districts need to arrange their own transportation. There is a convenient drop off and pick up system for driving families. Transportation must be provided by families for the extension hours.

Enrollment

The enrollment process begins in April of 2008. Applications are available online at www.wintonburymagnet.org. Families may fill out the application there or the one on the back of this brochure. Mail applications to the Bloomfield Public Schools. The school will have 65 percent Bloomfield students and 35 percent students from partner districts. A lottery will be held in early November 2008 to determine enrollment. Families will be notified by December 15th. Students will be drawn based on town of residence and age. A more detailed description of the lottery process will be forthcoming at www.wintonburymagnet.org. In 2009, there will be a lottery only for preschool. The school will add kindergarten and be at full capacity for the 2010-2011 school year.