

## **Quick Guide for Eligibility Rules** **Approved for the 2010-2011 School Year**

### **General Information**

- All schools must post their eligibility requirements on the school's website.
- Any criterion that exceeds the guidelines posted below must be submitted and cleared by the School Choice office prior to being posted on the school's website.
- By rule, no single criteria can exclude a student from eligibility, with the exception of failure to complete/submit required recommendations, forms, and transcripts.
- It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school for requirements that are school specific, such as recommendation forms.
- Schools retain the right to declare a student ineligible if required documentation is not submitted by January 15th.

### **General Criteria for Random Selection Magnets**

- 2.0 Average in core Academic and Conduct
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for previous year
- Recommendations may be required
- FCAT scores can only be reviewed as part of the eligibility process under very limited circumstances.
  - Elementary schools may not review FCAT scores.
  - Secondary schools with an eight period schedule may not review FCAT scores.
  - Secondary schools with a six period schedule may review FCAT scores to determine if a student has at least one elective period available to take magnet theme courses.

### **IB/ Cambridge/Scholars/Science Requirements**

- 2.5 average in core Academics and Conduct
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for previous year
- Earth Space Science-Algebra I can be required
- Recommendations may be required

### **Visual Performing Arts Magnets**

- 2.0 Average in core Academic and Conduct
- Placement is based on audition/interview results
- Schools should expect parents to contact the school by January 15<sup>th</sup> to schedule auditions/interviews.
- Schools must submit to the School Choice office a record of audition/interview results by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.