

# A Choice in Public Education

The **ACES Magnet School Parent Choice Program** is a free program managed by Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES).



The program is for families that live in non-participating districts. If you live in the following districts, you do not qualify for the ACES Magnet School Parent Choice Program:

- For **ACES Thomas Edison Middle School:** Meriden and Middletown
- For **ACES Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School:** New Haven

## ACES Thomas Edison Middle School (TEMS)

ACES Thomas Edison Middle School (TEMS) is an interdistrict magnet school where 6th – 8th grade students focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curriculum. TEMS's mission is to empower students to use technology effectively in order to become knowledgeable, capable, and ethical digital citizens. For more information, visit [aces.org/tems](https://aces.org/tems)



## ACES Magnet Schools Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School (WIMS)

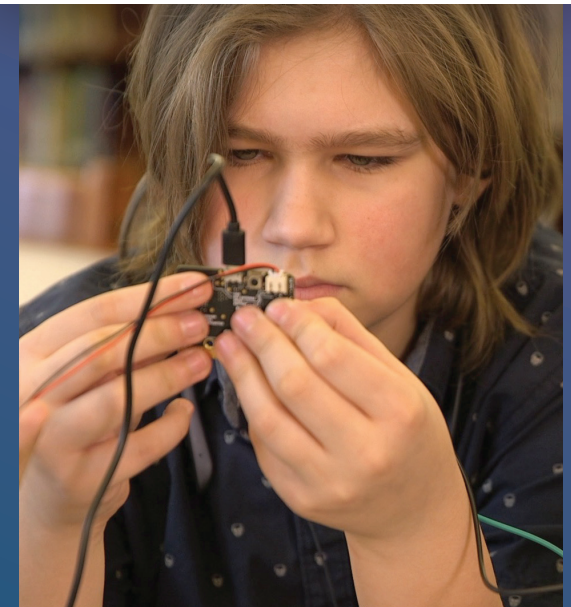
ACES Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School (WIMS) is a k-8 magnet school serving over 60 students from more than a dozen Connecticut school districts. WIMS is dedicated to educating the whole child through inquiry, innovation, and the arts in a diverse, compassionate learning community. WIMS rigorous curriculum is designed and implemented to prepare students for college and to launch them into adulthood with a deep understanding of our global responsibilities. For additional information, go to [aces.org/wims](https://aces.org/wims)



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# About Magnet School Parent Choice

The State legislature passed legislation that allows families **in non-partner school districts** to apply for open seats in magnet schools that are **not completely enrolled**. At ACES, ACES Thomas Edison Middle School (TEMS) serving grades 6, 7, & 8 in Meriden and ACES Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School (WIMS) serving grades K-8 in North Haven are the two magnet schools which participate in the ACES Magnet School Parent Choice program.

## Educational Program

The education program is set by the participating school. Parents are encouraged to become acquainted with the participating schools educational offerings in order to select the best program for their children. To help with the selection process, strategic school profiles are available on the district websites as well as the Connecticut State Department of Education website, <http://edsight.ct.gov/SASPortal/main.do>.



## Transportation

**Families in non-partner districts must provide their own transportation under this program.**

Families are eligible to receive a \$5.00 per day transportation subsidy For TEMS students in Meriden and Middletown, transportation is provided by their districts. ACES provides transportation for students in Waterbury attending TEMS. For WIMS students in member districts Hamden, Meriden, New Haven and Wallingford, transportation is provided by ACES. A form is sent to the families in non-partner districts once a year which needs to be completed by the family. The schools then confirm the student's attendance and payment is sent. Parents are paid in February and July.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for the ACES Magnet School Parent Choice Program, student cannot live in the partner districts listed below:

- **The partner districts for TEMS are Meriden and Middletown.**
- **The partner districts for WIMS is New Haven**

Students enrolled in private or other non-public schools are eligible for this program. Eligible siblings are given priority in the lottery. If you do not have a child currently in the school that you are applying for and you apply for more than one child in the same school for the 1st choice, sibling preference will apply.



## How to Apply

**To apply go to: [mspcl.aceschoicelottery.org](http://mspcl.aceschoicelottery.org)**

Information, including the application deadline date is available on our website at [www.aces.org](http://www.aces.org) or by calling (203) 498-6843. Applications must be received by the deadline in order to be placed into the lottery. If your child is not placed, you may reapply the following year. If your child is placed, you do not need to reapply each year.

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