

Interested in joining the CIS Magnet?



Students applying for admission to the **Center for International Studies** magnet may do so during their 8th or 9th grade years. In order to be considered for placement in an OCPS magnet program, students must follow a district centralized application process and submit an electronic application through the *School Choice Office* (www.schoolchoice.ocps.net).

Note: Acceptance into the CIS magnet is determined by the *OCPS School Choice Office*, not by Dr. Phillips High School. It is partly based on grade-point average and a lottery.

Before applying, interested students should understand the academic rigor of the CIS magnet. Students must maintain the following CIS requirements to remain in the program:

- 3.0 unweighted overall GPA for each grading period
- Good conduct record
- Regularly attend CIS extracurricular activities and evening events
- A "practicum" completed by the end of your junior year. The practicum is an extensive, hands-on international experience, which may be fulfilled by hosting foreign students, interning, maintaining a pen-pal correspondence, traveling abroad, or something similar.

Ask yourself these questions before you apply:

- Can I maintain a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA in challenging, college-oriented classes?
- Do I possess good conduct and attendance records?
- Do I possess strong reading and study skills, and a desire to learn?
- Am I on or above grade-level on state assessments?
- Do I have the will and stamina to succeed in Advanced Placement (AP) classes?
- Am I interested in learning about the world and its history, in becoming fluent in another language, and in studying current events?

If you answered "no" to any of the questions, there may be another magnet program more suited to your needs and interests. If the above description sounds like you, please apply at www.schoolchoice.ocps.net. We would love you to be a part of our highly competitive, college prep program!

Application:

The *OCPS School Choice Office* electronic magnet application is available on their website, www.schoolchoice.ocps.net, during the months of November through mid-February of the given school year. If you have questions about the application process, please email magnetoffice@ocps.net

If a student application is approved by the *OCPS School Choice Office*, they will receive an electronic invitation with directions on how to register for classes.