

# Raa Middle School Arts Magnet Program

401 West Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303 \* Tel: (850) 488-6287 Fax: (850) 922-5835



We have designed an arts magnet program to allow students the ability to develop creative and critical thinking skills. The Raa Arts Magnet Middle School offers all Leon County middle school students an opportunity to benefit from an outstanding education achieved through an equally outstanding arts program. Through this rigorous academic curriculum for the arts, with performances at all levels, we are able to provide enhanced learning opportunities to better prepare students for high school and beyond. Students are able to explore arts courses that include music, visual art, or theatre.

For more information please be sure to visit our magnet program website

<http://www.leonschools.net/domain/386>

## A complete Raa Middle School Arts Magnet application includes all items:

- \_\_\_ School Choice application in Parent Portal (**Not required for students zoned for Raa**)
- \_\_\_ Student Submission (YouTube video or .MOV/.MP4, see page 2 for details)
- \_\_\_ Copy of most recent report card (2.5 GPA required in core academic classes)
- \_\_\_ Teacher Recommendation forms (from academic and fine/performing arts teachers)
- \_\_\_ Indicate Areas of interest (choose two areas of interest on page 2)
- \_\_\_ Parent and student signatures

Please complete all parts of the application and return via email to [raamagnet@leonschools.net](mailto:raamagnet@leonschools.net) or USPS mail to:

Arts Magnet Program  
Attn: William Sahely, Magnet Coordinator  
Raa Middle School  
401 West Tharpe Street  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32303

**Applications are due to Raa by 4:30pm on Friday, February 25, 2022.**

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## Rank Areas of Interest with a 1 or 2 (with 1 being most interested):

\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_ Chorus \_\_\_ Dance \_\_\_ Digital Art and Design \_\_\_ Guitar  
\_\_\_ Orchestra \_\_\_ Piano \_\_\_ Steel Drums \_\_\_ Shop \_\_\_ Theatre \_\_\_ Visual Art

## Student Submission

Include a submission representing the student's artistic abilities. This allows students to showcase their abilities in their Area of Interest. See examples of submissions on Magnet section of Raa website.

- ✓ Title all submissions with student's last and first name
- ✓ Submission may be a YouTube link or .MOV/.MP4 file emailed to Raa
  - Record and upload video to Youtube account and share the link
- ✓ Submission must be between 2 – 5 minutes
- ✓ Submissions in visual arts may include up to 5 photos of two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork- **ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED DIGITALLY**

## Program Admission

This application is being submitted for consideration of acceptance at Raa Middle School's Arts Magnet Program for the 2022-2023 school year. We verify that the information submitted is accurate as of this date. We also give permission for the school records to be released upon request to Raa Middle School. Students accepted into the program will receive an admission agreement whereby the student will be assigned to Raa Middle School.

There is no prerequisite formal arts experience necessary for participation. Students can show talent and creativity without formal instruction. The only requirement is a committed interest in the arts.

Approval is based on program requirements, school-wide capacity and when the complete application is received. A student's reassignment may be revoked for failure to meet the school's attendance and discipline policy 5120. Prospective students will be notified by mail as to their acceptance or denial of admission into the program after March 31, 2022.

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Parent/Guardian signature      date

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Student Signature                      date

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**FINE OR PERFORMING ARTS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM- SEND DIRECTLY TO RAA**

**This form must be received in the Raa office no later than February 25, 2022.**

Please complete this form and **EMAIL** it to:

[raamagnet@leonschools.net](mailto:raamagnet@leonschools.net)

Subject: Magnet Recommendation

You may also **MAIL** this form to:

Raa Middle School Arts Magnet Program

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**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Subject/grade you taught this student \_\_\_\_\_ School year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In order for applications to be considered, this form must be submitted directly to Raa by the recommending teacher.

	No basis for judgement	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Understanding of elements/principles/artistic themes and concepts	0	1	2	3	4	5
Technique/craftsmanship	0	1	2	3	4	5
Expression/creativity/aesthetic intent	0	1	2	3	4	5
Participation/perseverance/commitment to the arts	0	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to self-reflect/critique own and others' work respectfully/accepts constructive criticism	0	1	2	3	4	5
Use appropriate audience/viewer/performance etiquette	0	1	2	3	4	5
Behavior- ability to work with others- peers AND adults	0	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance	0	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership Skills	0	1	2	3	4	5

The Arts Magnet Program is a **challenging and demanding program**. Students are expected to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, in addition to participating in arts activities. **Please keep this in mind when recommending students.**

Do you recommend this student for the Raa Magnet Program? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No \_\_\_With reservations

Please explain your recommendation, as well as any rankings below Excellent.

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## ACADEMIC TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM- SEND DIRECTLY TO RAA

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Subject/grade you taught this student \_\_\_\_\_ School year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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	No basis for judgement	Below Average	Average Top 50%	Good Top 25%	Excellent Top 10%	Outstanding Top 5%
<b>Mathematics Ability</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Science Ability</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Writing Ability</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Reading Ability</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Academic Motivation:</b> initiative, pride in work, willingness to go above and beyond	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Homework Habits:</b> quality, timeliness	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Organization and Work Habits</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Behavior-</b> ability to work with others- peers AND adults	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Attendance</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Leadership Skills</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5

The Arts Magnet Program is a **challenging, accelerated, and demanding program**. Students are expected to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, in addition to participating in extracurricular arts activities. **Please keep this in mind when recommending students.**

Do you recommend this student for the Raa Magnet Program?  Yes  No  With reservations

Please explain your recommendation, as well as any rankings below Excellent.

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