

What is a Global Studies magnet program?

The community of David A. Dutrow Elementary engages in a rigorous academic environment with a focus on global issues and an international perspective. Education for a global perspective is learning which enhances the ability to understand our own place in the community and world in order to make more effective judgments. It includes the study of nations, cultures, and civilizations. Our students are exposed to four dimensions of global awareness; perspective consciousness, planet awareness, cross-cultural awareness, and awareness of human choices.



What is unique about Dutrow's design?

Dutrow Elementary was designed for open-concept education. Each pod accommodates 50 to 100 students and two to four teachers, who work together as a team. At Dutrow, there are no physical barriers between curriculum areas, nor is there a typical "front of the room." In this setting, activities and groupings are flexible and can be adjusted to meet the instructional needs of students. The learning style at Dutrow is relaxed, yet stimulating — for both students and teachers. As students progress through the program, they master increasingly complex learning tasks. Students are exposed to reading, writing and speaking Spanish and/or French as a second language.

The open learning environment fosters thinking and problem-solving skills, innovation, questioning, experimentation and active learning through investigation. It encourages students to become purposeful, self-directed learners and builds teamwork skills. It is an environment for students serious about their learning and respectful of the learning of others around them.



How can I find additional information?

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What is distinctive about the magnet program?

- Students develop a sense of responsibility as global citizens, caring about issues that affect humankind, being open to new ideas and other perspectives, reflecting on processes, skills and knowledge.
- Flexible approaches and activities offer many different learning experiences, including groupings across grade levels when appropriate.
- Students participate in service-oriented projects.
- Instruction in all Newport News schools is built around the same core curriculum which is designed to meet state Standards of Learning
- Like all elementary students, children in the Global Studies magnet program receive a solid foundation in reading, language arts, math, science, social studies, the arts, health and physical education.

What does the program require of parents?

Parents are expected to be full partners in education in the Global Studies Magnet Program. They sign an agreement to:

- Be involved in their child's education
- Support the magnet program
- Communicate regularly with teachers
- Support regular and timely attendance
- Volunteer regularly, in school or elsewhere

Who is eligible?

All children are eligible to apply for the Global Studies magnet program, which serves kindergarten through fifth grade. It is especially appropriate for students who focus on learning, concentrate well, enjoy working in groups, are self-directed, motivated to learn a second language and express an interest in global awareness. Current Dutrow students and their siblings have priority. If there are more applicants than there are spaces, students will be selected by computer lottery.



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Where do students go after the magnet program?

Students from the Global Studies magnet program will be well prepared for any middle school. The foundation students receive in the magnet program will develop an interest in rigorous, intellectually challenging programs such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Advanced Placement and Honors studies. Students may wish to apply for the Marine Science/Pre-Advanced Placement magnet program at B. T. Washington Middle School.

How do I apply for the program?

All students who wish to attend magnet programs must submit a Magnet School Application by the January deadline. Applications are available at any Newport News school, the Administration Building and on the Newport News Public Schools website at www.nnschools.org/magnet.



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