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## What is distinctive about the magnet program?

- Introduction to foreign language instruction
- Enriched literature program with a strong emphasis on reading various genres of literature
- Strong emphasis on various types of writing to include poetry, prose and nonfiction
- Regular oratorical components such as public speaking, poetry recitation and elaborate student performances
- Emphasis on integration of art, music, physical education and media studies with all content area subjects
- Community service projects
- Parent/student/school contract



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## at Hilton Elementary School

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## What is a Communication Arts magnet program?

The Communication Arts magnet program provides a comprehensive, well-balanced academic program focusing on extensive reading, writing, and oral communication. Students will establish a solid foundation in the English language with an emphasis on reading, writing, oral and visual communications. Students in grades 3-5 will receive an introduction to Spanish.

In the program, students are immersed in the various genres of award-winning literature. The program will foster the development of students' oral communication skills through poetry recitations, public speaking and interdisciplinary student performances. Additionally, communication skills are enhanced through student writings to include poetry, prose and nonfiction pieces. Students learn to communicate using various media and technology and develop an understanding of music and visual arts as important tools of communication. The program places a strong emphasis on community involvement. Through community service projects, students and staff work to enrich our local and global communities.

Instruction in all Newport News schools is built around the same core curriculum and meets all state Standards of Learning. Like all elementary students, students at Hilton will receive a solid foundation in reading, language arts, math, science, social studies, the arts, health and physical education. Students will develop the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in middle school and beyond.

## What does the program require of parents?

Parents are expected to:

- Be involved in their children's education
- Communicate regularly with teachers
- Provide daily study time at home and supervise homework
- Provide a place and encourage their children to read various forms of literature assigned and for enjoyment
- Have their children complete writings and projects independently
- Play audience to their children as they practice for their oratorical presentations
- Uphold the program's standards and expectations
- Ensure that students attend school regularly and arrive on time
- Sign and adhere to parent/student/school contract

## 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](http://www.nnschools.org/magnet).

Transportation is provided to all magnet programs.

## Who is eligible?

All first through fifth-grade Newport News students are eligible to apply for the Communication Arts magnet program. The program is especially appropriate for self-directed students who have a strong interest in reading challenging literature, which varies in length and includes fiction and nonfiction. The program is also suited for student writers to fully explore written communication. These students are motivated and focused to write poetry, prose and letters and conduct research. Students spend time writing in every content area. The verbal communication component focuses on oratorical skills, oral presentations, interdisciplinary performances and an introduction to a foreign language.

Applicants are selected based on computer lottery and space availability. Students currently attending the Hilton magnet program and their siblings have priority.



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