

MAGC Membership Application

\$25.00 fee pays for membership from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31

- New Member
- Membership Renewal (# _____)

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

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School District _____

County _____

Relationship to Gifted Education:

- Parent
- Teacher
- Student
- Administration
- Psychometrist
- Other _____

Please make checks payable to MAGC.

Mail check and membership form to:
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If we don't stand up
for Mississippi's brightest,
who will?



www.msms.k12.ms.us/MAGC

What Is MAGC?

Founded by parents and teachers in 1974, Mississippi Association for Gifted Children (MAGC) is a non-profit organization that serves as a public advocate for gifted children and youth in the state of Mississippi.

MAGC is the only state-level organization specifically for the gifted. In 1988, MAGC initiated legislation that resulted in state mandated gifted programs and their funding in all Mississippi public school districts.

MAGC's mission is to

- **Encourage advocacy, communication, and collaboration among educators, parents, agencies, and other organizations**
- **Address the unique needs of gifted children and improve the quality of their educational experiences**
- **Work for improvement in all areas of education and for better educational opportunities for all children**

MAGC is an affiliate of the National Association for Gifted Children.

Why Is It Important to Advocate for Gifted Children and Youth?

- Gifted children are the only exceptional learners not protected under federal law for a free and appropriate public education.
- Less than 2 cents of every 100 educational dollars is spent on gifted education in the U.S.
- Gifted children are at a greater risk for under-achievement.
- Many gifted children have mastered 35-50% of the curriculum in the five core subject areas before their school year begins.
- Without appropriate challenges, gifted students are likely to regress to normal or below normal levels of achievement.
- America's top students do not perform well when compared with their counterparts around the world.
- Most public school teachers are not equipped to deal with the special needs of gifted children because they have no specific training in gifted education.

Why Should Teachers, Family Members, and Others Join MAGC?

MAGC provides

- An annual conference to supply training relevant to the education of gifted children and youth
- Publications and information for teachers and families of gifted children
- Student scholarships and teacher grants
- Workshops and special training sessions for parents and teachers
- Opportunities for teachers and parents to network and form support groups
- Assistance to local parent affiliate groups who support gifted education in their communities

MAGC collaborates with the Mississippi Department of Education to improve and maintain services for gifted children and youth.

We need your help to stand up for Mississippi's brightest!

Please complete and return the MAGC Membership Form on the reverse side.

What Does Mississippi Law Say about Gifted Education?

The Mississippi Gifted Education Act requires public school districts to provide gifted education programs for intellectually gifted students in grades 2-6. These programs must be designed to meet the individual needs of gifted students and shall be in addition to and different from the regular program of instruction provided by the district. School districts may also provide programs for intellectually gifted students in grades 7-12, creatively and artistically gifted students in grades 2-12, and academically gifted students in grades 9-12.

"Outstanding intelligence is present in children and youth from all cultural groups and all economic strata."

– National Excellence:
A Case for Developing America's Talent (1993)

