

The City of Magnolia



Magnolia, Mississippi was settled in 1810 and incorporated on April 26, 1859. It became the county seat for Pike in 1872. The town was named by *Mary Sinnot* because of the abundance of beautiful Magnolia trees in the town at the time of its founding. Nestled in the county of Pike, it is one of the South's picturesque regions. You'll find it in the southwest corner of Mississippi where the majestic Piney Woods region meets the gently rolling Mississippi River lowlands. The city has over 50 historic homes and sites. There are 2 historic districts in the city.

Strategically Located

Magnolia is a hidden jewel located along the I-55 corridor between Jackson, and New Orleans. West of Magnolia is Vicksburg, Natchez, and Baton Rouge, LA. Magnolia stands as a regional hub to Interstate 55 which connects with Interstate 12 fifty miles to our south, Interstate 20 eighty miles north, and Interstate 59 seventy miles east. U.S. Percy Quin State Park is only a 5-mile drive from the city. It is a beautiful lake for water sports, great fishing, campsites, cabins and the Quail Hollow Golf Course.

Delightfully Livable

Magnolia offers an array of benefits to our citizens. With a low cost of living and high quality of life, what is there not to enjoy about Magnolia!

Climate

Average temperature is 67 degrees.

WEB LINKS:

[South Pike School District](http://www.southpike.org)

www.southpike.org

[City of Magnolia](http://www.cityofmagnoliams.com/tourism)

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should not contact the South Pike School District Board of Trustees directly. All nominations, letter of applicants, and copies of legal proof of administrative qualifications should be addressed to:

South Pike School District
Mr. Samuel Hall, Board President
P.O. Box 757
Magnolia, MS 39652

The official superintendent application and other information are also available on the MSBA website, www.msbaonline.org under the "MSBA Superintendent Search" logo. Applications will be available on the South Pike School District website.

To be considered, a complete applicant's file must be received no later than 4:30 P.M., or post-marked by midnight on April 1, 2012 and must contain the following:

- Formal letter indicating a desire to be considered as a candidate for the position
- Completed superintendent application
- Resume'
- Official copy of college/university transcripts
- Copy of MS administrator certification or documentation of eligibility to obtain certification.



The South Pike School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all state and federal laws. Applicants are subject to financial and criminal background checks as required by Mississippi Law.

Announcing the Position Of SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SOUTH PIKE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Magnolia, MS



Application Deadline: April 1, 2012

MISSION

The Mission of the South Pike School District is to create great students, focused instruction, equipping each child with the skill to reach the optimal level of individual success and becoming a productive citizen. This will be provided within a healthy and safe school climate which encourages daily attendance and also reduces disciplinary action, thereby allowing each child the opportunity to focus on high academic achievement. To realize this measure, it's the district's intent to cultivate each student's interest using a technologically enriched environment which creates a positive image where the students, teachers, parents and community members seek to become involved in school activities.

VISION

The South Pike School District, in our efforts of collaboration with parents and community, envisions an enriched learning environment with high expectations for each child enabling everyone to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

DISTRICT FACTS

Student Enrollment	1820
Employees	280
National Board Certified Staff	7
Certified Teachers	136
Student Attendance	96.38%
Per-Pupil Expenditure	11,592
Schools in District	5

INVITATION TO APPLY

The South Pike School District seeks an extraordinary leader with a proven track record of improving student achievement.



TIMELINE

Applications for this position will be accepted through **April 1, 2012**.

SALARY & BENEFITS

Competitive compensation including salary, health benefits and other incentives will be offered to the successful candidate.



APPLICANT CRITERIA

- Valid MS Administrator license or eligibility to obtain one
- Master's degree or higher from an accredited college or university
- Ability to develop and implement a strategic plan
- Leadership skills required to respond effectively to the challenges of a diverse community
- Knowledge of emerging research and best practice in the areas of curriculum/instructional design and practice
- Ability to enhance student performance, especially in identifying and narrowing achievement gaps
- Effective communication skills including speaking, listening, writing, and technology
- Strong commitment to a "student first" philosophy in all decisions
- Willingness to develop a vested, active interest in the community
- Experienced in sound management practices
- Inclusive of others in planning and decision-making
- Ability to build consensus and commitment between individuals and groups emphasizing parental involvement
- Ability to secure and promote positive student behavior conducive to student achievement
- Ability to lead an organization dedicated to progress

