

School Mission

The school, community, and parents will work together to create a nurturing and challenging environment which will cultivate high self-esteem, acceptance of others, and academic excellence in every student.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

- 4-H Club
- Art Club
- Band & Orchestra
- Boy Scouts
- Beta Club
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Cool Girls Inc.
- Morning Broadcast
- Obama Sisters in Action/My Sister's Keeper
- Safety Patrols
- STEM Club
- Student Library Assistants
- Technology Club
- Obama Gents/ My Brother's Keeper



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Magnet School of technology



Two Programs -- One Newly Constructed School Site

- In January, 2017 the **newly constructed** school site opened, serving students in Pre-K – 5th grades.
- **Technology Magnet** program for students in 3rd – 5th grades.
- Each student is assigned his/her own **Chromebook**. Laptops, iPads and Macbooks are also available for student use.
- **Dual-Language Spanish Immersion** program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Application Process

Students from all over the District may apply to Obama Elementary's School Choice Programs in the Spring of each school year. Selection is made in the form of a lottery of qualified students. All applicants must complete the School Choice application by the given deadline and meet all eligibility requirements. The online application is available at

www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice/.

Technology Magnet Program

The **Technology Magnet** program is currently for students in 3rd – 5th grades. There are 3 magnet classes on each grade level. The program provides rigorous, exciting and engaging instruction for high achieving students who are interested in technology.

- Students who are selected must have a **3.0 GPA, and possess a strong interest in technology. Students should also be reading within the Lexile band for their grade level.**
- All magnet students participate in **STEM classes taught by a certified gifted teacher.**
- **Teachers have specialized training in technology** and students go on several field trips throughout the year.
- Magnet students are given the opportunity to collaborate with **engineering/science students from local colleges** and universities.
- All magnet students are required to participate in the **Social Studies Fair, Technology Fair, and Georgia Student Media Festival.**

Dual-Language Spanish Immersion Program

The Barack H. Obama **Dual-Language Spanish Immersion Program** is the **only one of its kind in Region VII**. Students begin the program in kindergarten and are taught English and Spanish simultaneously. Students receive instruction in **Spanish and English for the four content areas**. Extra support in English is provided for enhanced literacy development. **Students study the Spanish language, as well as cultural diversities associated with Spanish-speaking countries.**

- Smaller class sizes.
 - **Bilingual** teachers.
 - Adherence to State standards and District curriculum requirements.
 - Print and online resources in both languages.
 - **Increased cultural competence** for students.
 - Student **preparation for entrance into a global workforce.**
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