

What Happens After Middle School?

Where will I be next year at this time?

Walter Johnson High School is the neighborhood high school for all students who are in North Bethesda Middle School's geographic area. Another middle school, Tilden, also sends students to WJ.

- Walter Johnson has a great website that shows many of its offerings.
www.walterjohnson.com
- Classes range from on-grade level, to honors level, to advanced placement level.
- Go to the WJ parent **Information Night for 2010-2011 Registration - Jan 27 at 7:00 p.m.** for more information.

Walter Johnson High School also has a special signature program called the **APEX program**. It combines accelerated honors level and intensive advanced placement level course work. It is available only to students who live in the WJ cluster of schools. The APEX information night is Wednesday, October 14th* at 7:00 p.m. in the WJ cafeteria

- You can find information about the program on the school website (look under "WJ quick links") or www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wjhs/depts/apex/calendar.shtm
- You must fill out an admissions packet which will be online at WJ soon. There are definite deadlines you must follow – these can be found on the APEX webpage – for example, your reference forms are due to your current counselor and teachers by October 21st.
- Only students with completed admission packets will be considered for admission to the APEX program
- In early February, you will hear if you are accepted to the program.

The **Montgomery Blair Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Program** is a magnet program open to all 8th grade students who are in Algebra I or higher. Students should have a strong interest in science, math, or computers. This program accepts 100 students from ALL of Montgomery County. If you are interested, you should go to the evening information night: October 22nd at 7 p.m. Information is given in English and Spanish

- The admission packet is available at these meetings; a limited number will be available at North Bethesda in October. It is also available on the Montgomery County web site. Deadlines for application must be observed. The application deadline is November 9th; the magnet testing is December 5th.
- The school website has much more information about the process:
 - www.mbhs.edu/departments/magnet

The **Richard Montgomery International Baccalaureate (IB) Program** is a magnet program open to 8th grade students who are in Algebra I or higher and who are taking Spanish, French or Chinese (or if they are already fluent in any of these languages). If a student is taking Italian, they may also apply to the program but if accepted, they will be expected to take a level 2 language in Spanish, French, or Chinese. Students successfully completing the program earn an MCPS diploma, a Maryland Certificate of Merit, and the internationally recognized IB

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Diploma. An information meeting will be held on October 26 at 7:00 in the Richard Montgomery auditorium. It will be conducted in English and in Spanish.

- Applications will be given out at the information meeting; a limited number will be available at North Bethesda after the meeting; the high school will post the applications on their website.
- These school websites has more information:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/ib/> or
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/ib.shtm>
- Deadlines for application must be observed. The application deadline is November 9th; the magnet testing date is December 5th.

The Global Ecology Magnet at Poolesville High School - The Global Ecology Studies Program provides students with the knowledge and understanding of the scientific, cultural, social, political, economic, and technological conditions that affect the quality of life on our planet. The program involves an interdisciplinary approach to study of environmental issues with major emphasis on science and social studies areas. The information night is October 12th at 7 p.m. - and information is given in English and Spanish

- Look at the school website for more information:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/poolesvillehs/departments/global/index.html>
- Deadlines for application must be observed. The application deadline is November 9th; the magnet testing is December 5th.

Application workshops for the magnet high schools will be held on October 29th at Gaithersburg High School and on November 2nd at Wheaton High School.

Other high school choices (these represent two of many; high school counselors will tell you of others available when you are in grade 9).

- The visual arts program at Albert Einstein High School...The Visual Art Center (VAC) offers students a broad perspective of the fine arts and deepens their understanding of the opportunities for art-related careers through exposure to art history, contemporary artists and artwork. This rigorous and comprehensive program, directed toward portfolio development, enables students to realize and achieve their full potential in visual art. Lessons consist of lectures, demonstrations, slide presentations, studio activities, assigned research and group critiques. Most graduating students study fine arts or commercial art at a higher level. **Courses begin in grade 10. Information can be found at their website:**

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteinhs/academies/VAPA.aspx

- Thomas Edison School of Technology offers programs for students in good standing in their home schools (W), for example). Thomas Edison High School of Technology (TEHST) is an application-only high school that offers half-day professional career and technology education (CTE) programs to students enrolled in all MCPS high schools. Accepted students attend TEHST for half the school day and attend their co-enrolled

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comprehensive high school for the remaining half-day in order to complete high school graduation requirements and participate in extracurricular activities. Courses begin in grade 10. Information can be found at their website

- www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/edison

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