

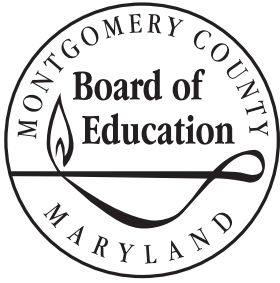
AN INTRODUCTION TO
Application, *Choice*,
Immersion, and
Magnet Programs

OPTIONS

Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Maryland

2025–2026





VISION

We inspire learning by providing the greatest public education to each and every student.

MISSION

Every student will have the academic, creative problem solving, and social emotional skills to be successful in college and career.

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◇ INTRODUCTION

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOOKLET IS DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES learn about the various programs that are available in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Each program is designed to provide enriched learning opportunities based on student interest and motivation. This booklet may be used as a reference to better understand a student's educational options. However, this booklet does not refer to every special program in the county. In addition to the programs described in this booklet, individual schools may offer special programs open only to those students who reside within the school boundaries.

Navigating the Options

GET READY *Questions to ask yourself before reading this booklet...*

- What is the best learning environment for my student?
- What are my student's interests and educational needs?
- How does programming at our local school meet my student's needs and interests?
- Will I be able to arrange transportation for my student to and from a central stop if necessary?

GET SET *As you read this booklet...*

- Do any of the programs seem to be a good match for my student's needs and interests?
- How might commuting to a school outside my neighborhood affect our family routines?
- Will transportation be provided for this program?

GO! *After you have read this booklet...*

- Have I investigated the options available to my student at our local school?
- Is a program a good match for my student's interests and needs?
- Do I know whom to contact with questions and for application materials?
- Have I discussed the various options with my student prior to beginning the application or Choice process?
- Have I considered transportation arrangements and a back-up plan?

◇ MCPS Bus Transportation

According to MCPS Regulation EEA-RA, *Student Transportation*, Section II.B.2, "Centralized bus service, defined as transportation from a central location such as a neighborhood elementary school, to the program site, may be provided to students attending specific programs as identified in the MCPS Options (Guide to Countywide Programs) booklet, in accordance with Board action, attendance areas, transportation services, and funding levels. Parents/guardians are responsible for students' transportation to and from centralized bus stops, whether or not there is an appropriate walking route." Central stops are placed at MCPS schools and other government facilities. Not all students will have a bus stop within walking distance of their home. It is important to carefully consider transportation options and responsibilities.



Throughout this booklet, you will see a bus icon (left): Please read the information next to that icon to learn about transportation for each specific program. If no icon is present, then there are no special transportation options for that particular program, and so the transportation regulations for "regular education" apply.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about transportation regulations, please visit the transportation website www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/ or call 240-740-6200.



Local Elementary School Programs

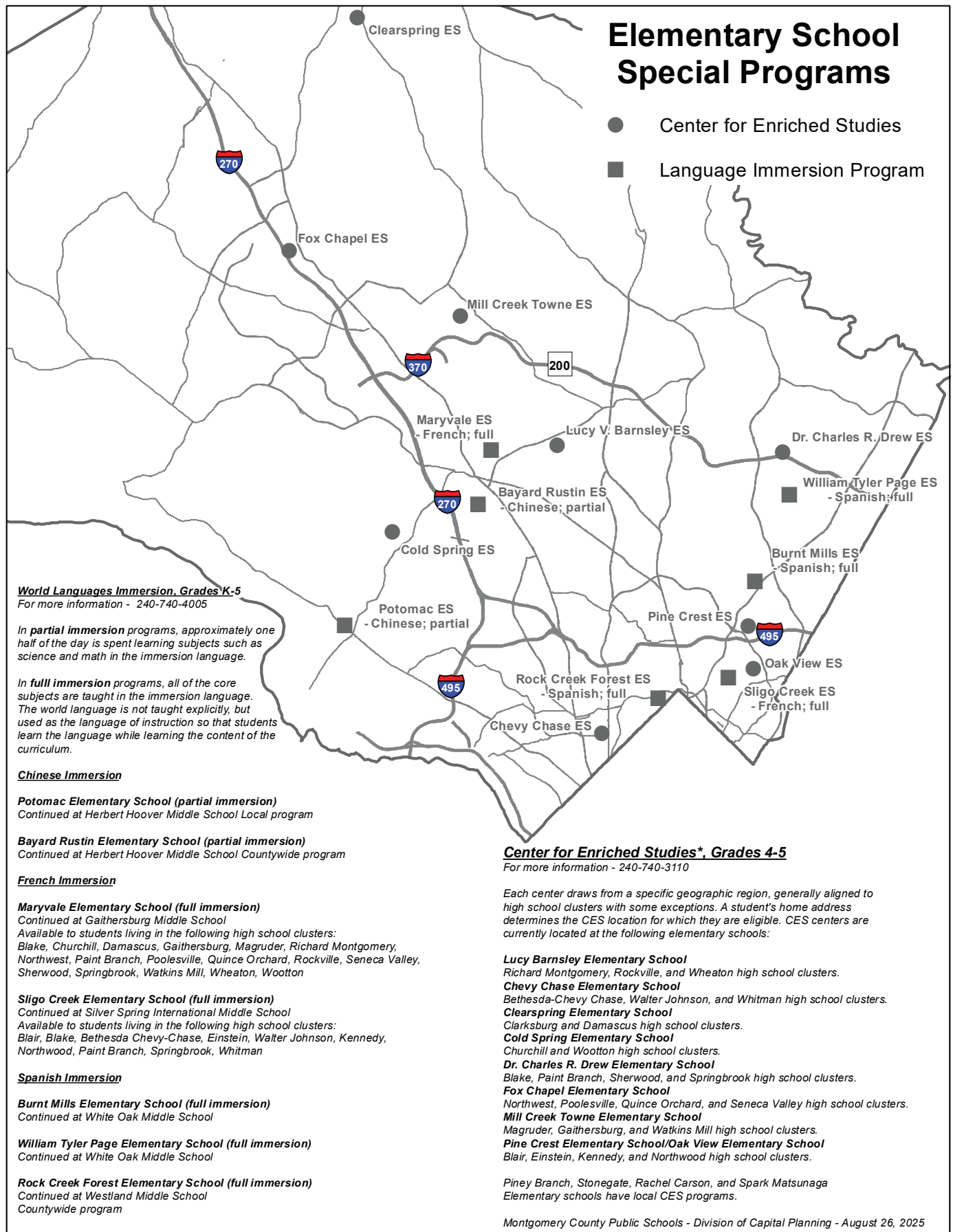


World Languages Immersion Programs



Elementary Center for Enriched Studies

Attention Parents/Guardians and Students: Some information may change after publication. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/ or contact the school for the most current information on available programs.



Local Elementary School Programs

Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction

240-740-3110

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/

Mathematics Instruction

240-740-4001

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/

Language Arts Instruction

240-740-4006

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/english/

Science Instruction

240-740-4002

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/

Social Studies Instruction

240-740-4008

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/socialstudies/

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet the needs of students, including those who demonstrate high interest, motivation, and/or level of achievement in a particular area of study. At every grade level, all students should have opportunities to enrich and extend their learning, study and explore areas of interest, and collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks.

Contact Your Local School

To find out more about what your local elementary school offers, contact the school directly and/or visit the school's website by searching for the school's name on the MCPS home page or going to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/. Each school uses a variety of instructional programming models to meet the needs of its students.

At every grade level, all students have opportunities to...

- Deepen and enrich their understanding of on-grade-level material
- Extend and enrich their understanding of above-grade-level materials
- Study and explore areas of interest
- Collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks

When a student demonstrates interest, motivation, or level of achievement in a particular area of study, all elementary schools have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet those needs. Some possible examples are...

- The William and Mary Language Arts Units for High Ability Learners, Grades 2–5
- The Junior Great Books Program, Grades K–5
- Access to enrichment and extension tasks in mathematics
- Enriched Literacy
- Science Fairs
- Geography Bee
- Schoolwide Enrichment Program
- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program
- Arts Integration Model

◆ Elementary School World Language Immersion Programs

Enrollment Requirements

Burnt Mills Elementary School (Spanish)

Serves students who attend Burnt Mills Elementary School, followed by the students from the other elementary schools that feed into Francis Scott Key Middle School. Open to all other students, based on space availability.

Bayard Rustin Elementary School (Chinese—Partial)

Serves students from all high school clusters.

Maryvale Elementary School (French)

Serves students in the following high school clusters:

Blake*, Churchill, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Paint Branch*, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Rockville, Seneca Valley, Sherwood, Springbrook*, Watkins Mill, Wheaton, and Wootton.

William T. Page Elementary School (Spanish)

Serves students who attend William T. Page Elementary School. Open to students from other clusters, based on space availability.

Potomac Elementary School (Chinese—Partial)

Serves students who attend Potomac Elementary School. Open to students from all high school clusters, based on space availability.

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School (Spanish)

Serves students from all high school clusters.

Sligo Creek Elementary School (French)

Serves students in the following high school clusters: Blair, Blake*, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, Kennedy, Northwood, Paint Branch*, Springbrook*, and Walt Whitman.

**Students living in the Blake, Paint Branch or Springbrook base areas either attend Maryvale or Sligo Creek ES for French Immersion depending upon their specific address. For additional information visit: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/149SZ6uv91yE957PvFXQYhJ4cO4zZbMAVVuctLzmAKDU/preview>*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGES immersion programs begin in kindergarten and continue through Grade 5. The immersion programs continue through middle school from grades 6 to 8. Students in these programs learn the MCPS curriculum in one of three languages—Chinese, French, or Spanish.

MCPS currently offers Two Way Immersion programs (Spanish-English) at six elementary schools (Brown Station, Gaithersburg, Kemp Mill, Oakland Terrace, Rolling Terrace, and Washington Grove). While individual schools' models vary in scheduling, all programs follow a 50/50 model, indicating that 50% of instruction is delivered in each program language. The Two Way Immersion Programs are only open to students enrolled at these schools.

Admission to the Program

Admission to the MCPS elementary school world languages immersion programs is limited. Selection is based on a lottery system for students in kindergarten and Grade 1. Such lottery shall include a weighting process that takes into consideration factors to include: (a) students who have an older sibling who is currently enrolled in a language immersion program and will continue to be enrolled in that language immersion program in the year the younger sibling seeks to enroll; (b) socio-economic status and poverty; and, (c) other factors as identified by the superintendent of schools, such as, in specific circumstances, a catchment area. Any student who has an older sibling who was enrolled in a language immersion program during the 2017–2018 school year and that an older sibling who will continue to be enrolled in the same language immersion program the year the younger sibling seeks to enroll, may enroll in the language immersion program without the necessity of participating in the lottery conducted for admission into that program; however, an immersion interest form must be submitted for the student. New students are admitted after Grade 1 provided space is available and students pass a placement test. To participate in the immersion program, parents/guardians must complete and submit an interest form for each student wanting to be considered for a seat. For information about the process, visit www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion, or call 240-740-7800.

Would you like your student to...

- Read books in French?
- Have discussions about current events in Spanish?
- Solve math problems in Chinese?
- Learn a second language while pursuing the MCPS curriculum?

Consider applying to one of the World Languages Immersion Programs.

Language immersion is an educational approach in which students are taught the curriculum content through the medium of a second language. In this way, immersion students not only learn the content, but also gain knowledge of the language in which it is taught. In full-immersion programs, students learn their core subjects (reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science) in the second language. Partial-immersion programs are based on the same principle, but only a portion of the curriculum is taught in the second language. The main difference between an immersion setting and a world languages class is the approach to second-language learning. In an immersion program, language is a method for teaching the content rather than the subject of instruction.

To visit each school's website, search the school's name from the MCPS home page or visit www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/.

World Languages Instruction 240-740-4005

www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion



MCPS provides transportation from central stops for some areas served by various elementary school language-immersion programs. Check with the program coordinator at the host school for details on transportation service availability. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding "central stops" transportation.

◇ Elementary Center for Enriched Studies

The Elementary Center for Enriched Studies is for Grade 4 and Grade 5 students. The program, organized by geographic regions, is housed at the following elementary schools:

Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School

Richard Montgomery, Rockville, and Wheaton high school clusters.

Chevy Chase Elementary School

Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman high school clusters.

Clearspring Elementary School

Clarksburg*, Damascus and Seneca Valley* high school clusters.

**Clarksburg ES, Wims ES, Gibbs ES and Cabin Branch ES*

Cold Spring Elementary School

Churchill and Wootton high school clusters.

Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School

Blake, Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook high school clusters.

Fox Chapel Elementary School

Clarksburg*, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, and Seneca Valley* high school clusters.

**Clopper Mill ES, Germantown ES, McAuliffe ES, Ride ES, Lake Seneca ES, Waters Landing ES, Daly ES, and Fox Chapel ES*

Mill Creek Towne Elementary School

Gaithersburg, Col. Zadok Magruder, and Watkins Mill high school clusters.

Oak View Elementary School

Blair, Albert Einstein, Kennedy, and Northwood high school clusters serving specifically East Silver Spring, Flora Singer, Forest Knolls, Highland View, Oak View, Rolling Terrace, Sligo Creek, Woodlin elementary schools.

Pine Crest Elementary School

Blair, Albert Einstein, Kennedy, and Northwood high school clusters serving specifically Arcola, Glen Haven, Glenallan, Oakland Terrace, Pine Crest, Rock View, Kemp Mill elementary schools.

The ELEMENTARY CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES is a two-year program that begins in Grade 4. It is designed to meet the needs of highly able and motivated learners in language arts, science, and social studies.

Admission to the program

All Grade 3 students will be centrally reviewed for literacy enrichment and acceleration for Grade 4. Criteria used as part of the central review include report card grades, test scores, reading level and student services (IEP, ELD, 504 or FARMS).

This process begins in January with outreach to grade 3 families about the central review. Once identified for enrichment, placement in the program is through a lottery. Families receive information in early Spring with results of the central review.

Each center serves a designated geographic area generally based on high school cluster. The center a student is eligible for is determined by their home address.

Does your student...

- Exhibit exceptional content reasoning skills, advanced vocabulary, advanced written expression?
- Demonstrate curiosity and intrinsic motivation to learn across multiple environments?
- Show strong critical and creative thinking?
- Maintain a high level of commitment, persistence, and independence?
- Work well both collaboratively and independently?
- Discuss literature and current events?

Consider the Elementary Center for Enriched Studies.

The program provides a learning environment that enriches, accelerates, and extends the MCPS curriculum. It is designed to meet the needs of highly able learners in language arts, science, and social studies. The program uses above grade level texts and focuses on critical-thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

For example, a student might—

- Study a topic or concept from a multi-disciplinary perspective
- Research a historical event and communicate connections to current events
- Work cooperatively in small groups to generate solutions to real-world problems

Program Questions

Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction

240-740-3110

Admissions Questions

Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services

240-740-7800

www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/elementary/center-enriched-studies



MCPS provides transportation from central stops for students from the areas that the programs serve. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding "central stops" transportation.



Local Middle School Programs



Middle School World Languages Immersion Programs



Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Magnet Programs



Humanities and Communication Magnet Programs



Magnet School for Digital Design and Development



Magnet School for the Creative and Performing Arts



Magnet School for Aerospace Technology

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Middle School Application Programs

▲ Magnet Program

● Language Immersion Continuation Program

■ Middle School Magnet Consortium

Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) Schools

Argyle Magnet School for Digital Design and Development
Loiederman Magnet School for the Creative and Performing Arts
Parkland Magnet School for Aerospace Technology

Admission is based on a Choice process open to all Montgomery County Grade 5 students in-consortium and out-of-consortium. All Grade 5 students residing in one of the following elementary school service areas must participate in the Choice process: Brookhaven, Georgian Forest, Harmony Hills, Sargent Shriver, Strathmore, Viers Mill, Weller Road, and Wheaton Woods. All other MCPS Grade 5 students are "out of consortia" and may apply to participate in the Choice process.

Middle School Immersion Continuation Programs

Gaithersburg Middle School

French and Spanish Immersion Program

Students who complete the Maryvale ES French Immersion Program and articulate from Washington Grove ES Two Way Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Herbert Hoover Middle School

Chinese Immersion Program

Students who complete the Bayard Rustin ES or Potomac ES Chinese Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Lakelands Park Middle School

Spanish Immersion Program

Students who articulate from Brown Station ES Two Way Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Newport Mill Middle School

Spanish Immersion Program

Students who articulate from Oakland Terrace ES Two Way Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Odessa Shannon Middle School

Spanish Immersion Program

Students who articulate from Kemp Mill ES Two Way Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Silver Spring International Middle School

French and Spanish Immersion Programs

Students who complete the the Sligo Creek ES French or Rolling Terrace ES Two Way Immersion Programs may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Westland Middle School

Spanish Immersion Program

Students who complete the Rock Creek Forest ES Spanish Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

White Oak Middle School

Spanish Immersion Program

Students who complete the Burnt Mills or William T. Page ES Spanish Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

See Page 14 for specific information.

Middle School Magnet Programs

Roberto W. Clemente Middle School

Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Center Program

The following high school clusters will be considered: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill.

Eastern Middle School

Humanities and Communication Magnet Program

The following high school clusters will be considered: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Blake, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Northwood, Paint Branch, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook, Wheaton, Whitman, Wootton.

Dr. Martin Luther King Middle School

Humanities and Communication Center Program

The following high school clusters will be considered: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill.

Takoma Park Middle School

Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Magnet Program

The following high school clusters will be considered: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Blake, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Northwood, Paint Branch, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook, Wheaton, Whitman, Wootton.

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Local Middle School Programs

Department of Secondary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs in the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs

240-740-3110

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/

Mathematics Instruction

240-740-4001

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/

Language Arts Instruction

240-740-4006

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/english/

Science Instruction

240-740-4002

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/

Social Studies Instruction

240-740-4008

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/socialstudies/

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet the needs of students, including those who demonstrate high interest, motivation, and/or level of achievement in a particular area of study. At every grade level, all students should have opportunities to enrich and extend their learning, study and explore areas of interest, and collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks. To find out more about what your local middle school offers, contact the school directly.

Contact Your Local School

To find out more about what your local middle school offers, contact the school directly or visit their website by searching for the school's name from the MCPS home page or going to ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/.

At every grade level, all students have opportunities to...

- Deepen and enrich their understanding of on-grade-level material,
- Extend and enrich their understanding of above-grade-level materials,
- Study and explore areas of interest, and
- Collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks

Some examples of enrichment programs offered...

- Science fairs
- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
- The William and Mary Language Arts Units for High Ability Learners, Grades 6–8
- The Junior Great Books Program, Grades 6–8
- Access to high school mathematics courses
- Accelerated and Enriched courses
- Access to high school courses

◆ Middle School World Languages Immersion Continuation Programs

Middle School World Languages Immersion Continuation Programs

The immersion programs are offered at the following sites in the county:

Gaithersburg MS	French and Spanish
Herbert Hoover MS	Chinese
Lakeland Park MS	Spanish
Newport Mill MS	Spanish
Odessa Shannon MS	Spanish
Silver Spring International MS	French and Spanish
Westland MS	Spanish
White Oak MS	Spanish

French and Spanish Immersion Continuation Program

Students who complete the Maryvale ES French One-Way Immersion Program or articulate from Gaithersburg ES or Washington Grove ES Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program may attend Gaithersburg Middle School. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Students who complete the Sligo Creek ES French One-Way Immersion or Rolling Terrace ES Spanish Two-Way Immersion Programs may attend Silver Spring International Middle School. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Students who complete the Brown Station ES Spanish Two-Way Immersion Programs may attend the local middle school, Lakelands Park, and students who complete the Kemp Mill ES Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program may attend their local middle school, Odessa Shannon and students who complete the Oakland Terrace Elementary School Two-Way Immersion Program may attend their local middle school, Newport Mill MS. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

Chinese Immersion Continuation Program

Students who complete the Bayard Rustin ES One-Way Immersion Program or articulate from Potomac ES Immersion Program may attend Hoover MS automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

World Languages Instruction

240-740-4005

www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion

Admission to the Program

Admission to the World Languages immersion programs is limited to incoming Grade 6 students who have completed a corresponding immersion program at the elementary level. Students who did not participate in the elementary program may test into immersion programs if there is space available. Contact the program to find out about the application process and deadlines.

Does your student have an interest in...

- Continuing to expand their knowledge of a second language?
- Reading and writing in Chinese?
- Discussing world events in French?
- Exploring Spanish culture?

For students coming from elementary French and Spanish immersion programs, a two-period block of instruction enables them to enhance their language development as well as complete the social studies courses in the same language. Students coming from elementary Chinese immersion programs will continue in a one-period language course before transitioning to the regular MCPS Chinese 2 course in Grade 7.

Consider continuing the immersion experience at one of the middle school world languages immersion continuation programs.

- Potomac and Bayard Rustin Elementary Schools
Hoover Middle School
- Maryvale Elementary School, Washington Grove Elementary School and Gaithersburg Elementary School
Gaithersburg Middle School
- William T. Page Elementary School and Burnt Mills Elementary School
White Oak Middle School
- Sligo Creek Elementary School and Rolling Terrace Elementary School
Silver Spring International Middle School
- Rock Creek Forest Elementary School
Westland Middle School
- Brown Station Elementary School
Lakelands Park Middle School
- Kemp Mill Elementary School
Odessa Shannon Middle School
- Oakland Terrace Elementary School
Newport Mill Middle School

To visit each school's website, search the school's name from the MCPS home page or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/.



For the 2025–26 SY, limited central stop transportation is available to Gaithersburg, Silver Spring International, Westland and White Oak MS. See page 3 for details on central stop transportation. All other programs receive local transportation only.

Mathematics/Science/ Computer Science Magnet Program



Roberto W. Clemente Middle School

18808 Waring Station Road
Germantown, MD 20874
301-284-4744



Takoma Park Middle School

7611 Piney Branch Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910
240-740-5220

THE MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE/COMPUTER SCIENCE MAGNET PROGRAM provides unique and challenging learning opportunities in three areas of concentration: mathematics, science, and computer science. Students are encouraged to make connections among content areas through a problem-solving approach. Students have a variety of specialized academic experiences, such as working with scientists and mathematicians, participating in academic competitions, and writing computer programs. A parent/guardian information video is posted on the special programs website, www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/middle/. The presentation shares details about the program as well as the admissions process. School bus transportation to and from each middle school is provided from central locations throughout the county.

Admission to the program

All Grade 5 students will be part of a central review for enrichment and acceleration for middle school programming either at their local school or magnet program. Those who are identified in the central review will be placed in a lottery pool and be guaranteed enriched instruction in middle school. A lottery will be run for the regional seats. Criteria used as part of the central review include report card grades, test scores, reading level, and student services (IEP, ELD, 504 or FARMS). There is no parent/guardian application.

This process begins in October with a Virtual Regional Magnet Presentation and parents/guardians of Grade 5 students will receive information in January regarding the results of the central review and lottery.

Each center serves a designated geographic area, based on the high school cluster in which you reside.

Does your student have...

- A keen interest and ability in mathematics?
- Strong motivation in developing a deep understanding of how computers work and their applications?
- An in-depth interest in current events in science and in conducting scientific research?
- A positive attitude and a commitment to working collaboratively with peers?

Consider the Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Magnet Program at either Takoma Park Middle School or Roberto W. Clemente Middle School.

Beyond the accelerated mathematics, science, and computer science courses, students may work with scientists and mathematicians from government agencies, nearby universities and local organizations. The program offers access to many academic competitions, such as the Continental Math League—Math and computer divisions, Montgomery County Area Science Fair, and American Computer Science League. Students also conduct scientific field work at area creeks and at the Smithsonian's Naturalist Center. Throughout all of their specialized coursework, students work with an academic cohort to conduct independent inquiries using mathematics, computer science, and the scientific process to solve real-world problems.



MCPS provides transportation from central stops for students in the Roberto W. Clemente MS and Takoma Park MS magnet programs from the areas that the programs serve. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding "central stops" transportation.

◆ Humanities and Communication Magnet Program



Eastern Middle School

300 University Blvd., East
Silver Spring, MD 20901
240-740-6305



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

13737 Wisteria Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
240-740-6350

THE HUMANITIES AND COMMUNICATION MAGNET PROGRAMS provide unique and challenging learning opportunities in three areas: writing, media production, and world studies. Students are encouraged to make connections among ideas, study selected topics in depth, and develop critical and creative thinking skills. Students in the magnet program take 3 magnet courses to include English, media production, and world studies. Outside of the magnet program students take a broad range of courses including science, math, physical education and may elect to enroll in a world language. A parent/guardian information video is posted on the special programs website, www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/middle/. The presentation shares details about the program as well as the admissions process. School bus transportation to and from each middle school is provided from central locations throughout the county.

Admission to the program

All Grade 5 students will be part of a central review for enrichment and acceleration for middle school programming either at their local school or magnet program. Those who are identified in the central review will be placed in a lottery pool and be guaranteed enriched instruction in middle school. A lottery will be run for the regional seats. Criteria used as part of the central review include report card grades, test scores, reading level and student services (IEP, ELD, 504 or FARMS). There is no parent/guardian application.

This process begins in October with a Virtual Regional Magnet Presentation and parents/guardians of Grade 5 students will receive information in January regarding the results of the central review and lottery.

Each center serves a designated geographic area, based on the high school cluster in which you reside.

Does your student have...

- A keen interest and ability in writing?
- Strong motivation in the humanities or artistic side of media production?
- An in-depth interest in history, geography, economics and current events?
- A positive attitude and a commitment to working collaboratively with peers?

Consider the Humanities and Communication Program at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School or at Eastern Middle School.

Students pursue intensive courses in writing and opportunities to be published and broadcast through television, radio, and film. Students create position papers, plays, brochures, magazine articles, and research papers. The program also offers hands-on opportunities to work as a member of a production team in the program's television studios. Students work in teams as performers, cinematographers, producers, directors, audio engineers, editors, and graphic artists. Students study the human experience through analysis of historical events, literature, and art. They also learn to document the human experience through written and visual media.



MCPS provides transportation from central stops for students in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS and Eastern MS magnet programs from the areas that the programs serve. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding "central stops" transportation.

◆ Digital Design and Development

Argyle Middle School

2400 Bel Pre Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906
240-740-6370

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/argyle/



DIGITAL DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT provides students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a challenging academic program focused on the development and applica-

tion of information technology. Students learn to use technology tools to enhance the school experience. Students will be required to take a minimum of one technology course per year. Additionally, students will have the option to take technology electives that focus on programming, cybersecurity, engineering, digital design and digital media. The school environment is both collaborative and rigorous, using teamwork and competitions to support the coursework. Throughout the Argyle experience, students will gain knowledge to prepare them for success in high school and develop skills that are transferable to a work environment.

Admission to the program

Admission to the Argyle Middle School for Digital Design and Development is based on a lottery process. Students who live within the Argyle, Loiederman, and Parkland Consortium attendance area are required to participate in the *Choice* process in Grade 5. For Grade 5 students outside of the Consortium area, *Choice* forms are available online at www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/school-info/msmagnet/, or from the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 240-740-7800.

Does your student like...

- Challenging courses in accelerated mathematics?
- Computers, video games, animation, 3D and graphic design, programming, video production?
- Learning new information and solving problems using digital tools?
- Creating computer programs and digital art?
- Producing multimedia presentations?
- Using technology tools to express ideas?

Consider applying to Argyle Middle School.

Argyle Magnet School for Digital Design and Development offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic program, focused on the development and application of information technology. Argyle students are engaged with technology tools in all classes throughout the day. All Grade 6 students take a year-long comprehensive technology course. All Grade 7 and 8 students will enroll in a minimum of one technology elective. Also, students may opt to take additional elective courses, specializing in programming, cybersecurity, engineering, digital design or digital media. Three of the Grade 8 technology electives will be high-school-level coursework. Argyle students will—

- Explore a variety of technology tools;
- Use technology tools to complete school assignments;
- Experience the competitive environment of team problem solving; and
- Work with peers to compete in state, national, and corporate technology problem-solving challenges.



In-Consortium students who live beyond the MCPS designated walking distance of their assigned school will be provided transportation from neighborhood bus stops. Limited central stop transportation will be provided for students who reside outside of the MSMC boundaries who complete the request form by the designated deadline.

Creative and Performing Arts

A. Mario Loiederman Middle School

12701 Goodhill Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906
240-740-5830

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/loiederman/



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic and fine arts program. Grade 6 students have the opportunity to take

two electives, such as sixth grade chorus, beginning band, sixth grade band, Lights! Camera! Literacy!, and beginning dance. Our signature course for the sixth grade is called Perspectives, which consists of dance, theater, music, and art. The Perspectives course is a great opportunity to explore all art forms.

Admission to the program

Admission to A. Mario Loiederman Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts is based on a lottery process. Students who live within the Argyle, Loiederman, and Parkland Consortium attendance area are required to participate in the Choice process in Grade 5. For Grade 5 students outside of the Consortium area, *Choice* forms will be available online at www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/school-info/msmagnet/, or from the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 240-740-7800.

Does your student like...

- Challenging courses in accelerated English, science, mathematics, social studies, and the arts?
- Singing, dancing, acting, speaking, reciting, or playing an instrument?
- Drawing, painting, or sculpting?
- Learning through movement?
- Discovering how the arts, history, and literature connect the human experience?
- Working behind the scenes at professional or student performances?
- Learning from teachers as artists and artists as teachers?
- Learning a world language while exploring the arts?

Consider applying to A. Mario Loiederman Middle School.

A. Mario Loiederman Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic program, including accelerated mathematics and fine arts. All sixth grade students take a comprehensive arts course and, as seventh and eighth grade students, select from high-level fine arts electives in the areas of visual art, dance, film, theater, or music. Loiederman students have the unique opportunity to—

- Explore a broad variety of art forms and develop specific talents and interests in the arts;
- Experience the creative environment of a rigorous fine arts program;
- Work with peers, artists, arts organizations, media outlets, and museums to produce live and multimedia performance; and
- Perform in a variety of settings to develop and enhance artistry.



In-Consortium students who live beyond the MCPS designated walking distance of their assigned school will be provided transportation from neighborhood bus stops. Limited central stop transportation will be provided for students who reside outside of the MSMC boundaries who complete the request form by the designated deadline.

◈ Aerospace Technology

Parkland Middle School

4610 West Frankfort Drive

Rockville, MD 20853

240-740-6800

www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/school-info/msmagnet/parkland



AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic program with a focus in advanced and applied

mathematics and science. All students take an interdisciplinary science and aerospace course each year with the goal of taking a high school science course in Grade 8.

Admission to the program

Admission to Parkland Middle School for Aerospace Technology is based on a lottery process. Students who live within the Argyle, Loiederman, and Parkland Consortium attendance area are required to participate in the Choice process in Grade 5. For Grade 5 students outside of the Consortium area, Choice forms will be available online at www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/school-info/msmagnet/ or from the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 240-740-7800.

Does your student have an interest in...

- Robots, space exploration, satellites, and flight technology?
- Learning by experimenting with the latest technology and equipment?
- Sharing the experience of competition with students from other states?
- Inventing and explaining new ideas and technologies?
- Solving engineering problems using science knowledge and technology?

Consider applying to Parkland Middle School.

Parkland Middle School for Aerospace Technology offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic program with a focus in advanced and applied mathematics and science. All Grade 6 and Grade 7 students take enriched middle school science and aerospace courses. Grade 8 students take either Honors Physics for high school credit or they are enrolled in Investigations in Earth Space Systems. In addition to the required courses, students may choose to take the following elective courses: Astronomy and Space Exploration, Research in Astronomy, Principles of Flight, Introduction to Robotic Systems, Applied Robotic Engineering, Applied Robotic Programming, and Introduction to Engineering Design. Parkland students have the unique opportunity to—

- Explore technology solutions in aerospace, satellite, and robotic engineering;
- Experience a rigorous scientific environment involving team problem solving and research; and
- Work with peers to engage in discovering solutions to aerospace challenges.



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Local High School Programs



Northeast and Downcounty Consortia



Criteria Based Program Options



Science, Mathematics, Computer Science
Magnet Program



International Baccalaureate Diploma Programmes



Humanities



Global Ecology



Visual Art Center

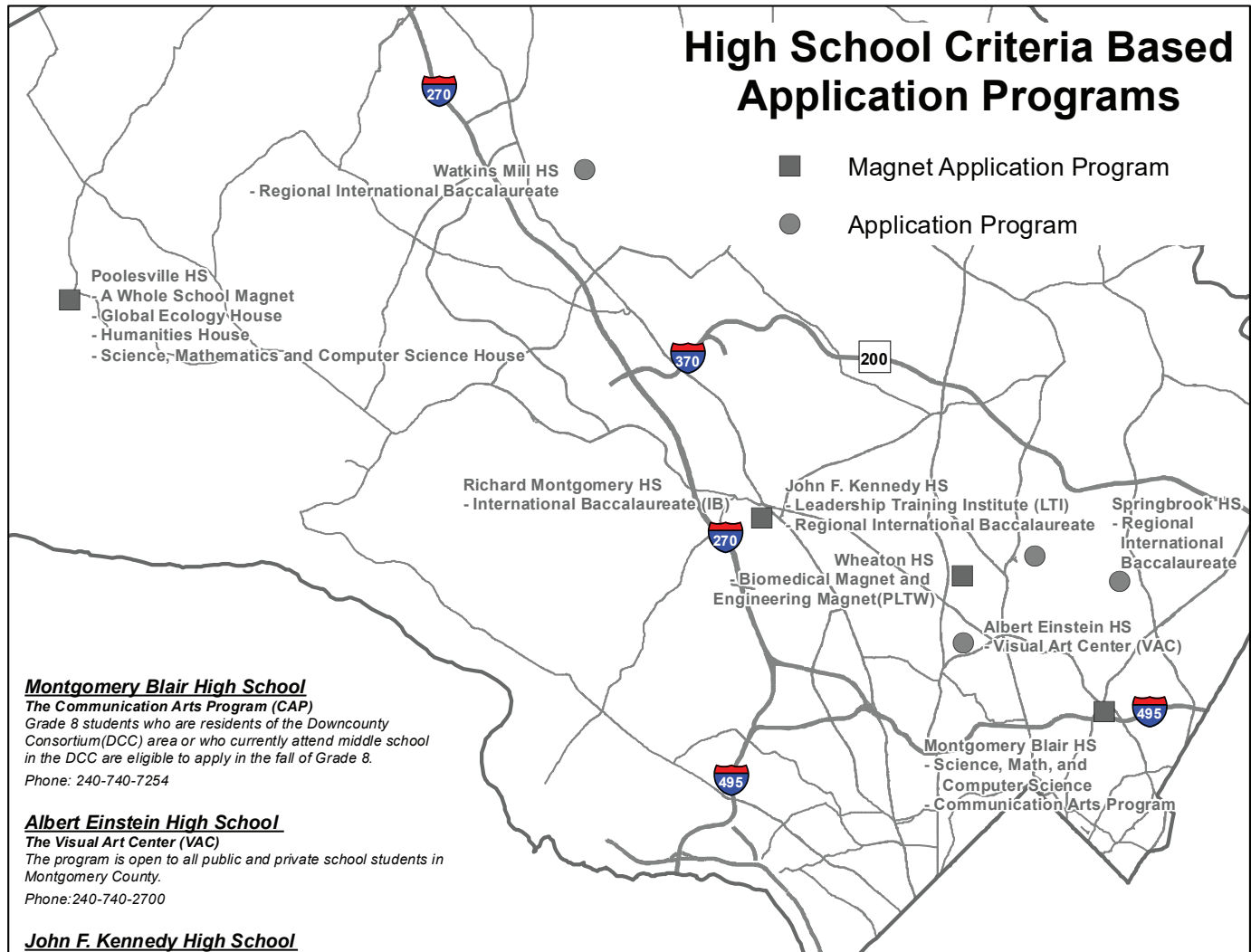


Regional Lottery Based Programs

Learn more about proposed changes to the High School Application Program Model and Consortia Choice Process that will occur for students entering grade 8 in 2026-2027 by clicking here. www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/academic-programs-analysis/

Attention Parents/Guardians and Students: Some information may change after publication. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/ or contact the school for the most current information on available programs.

High School Criteria Based Application Programs



Montgomery Blair High School

The Communication Arts Program (CAP)

Grade 8 students who are residents of the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) area or who currently attend middle school in the DCC are eligible to apply in the fall of Grade 8.

Phone: 240-740-7254

Albert Einstein High School

The Visual Art Center (VAC)

The program is open to all public and private school students in Montgomery County.

Phone: 240-740-2700

John F. Kennedy High School

Leadership Training Institute (LTI)

Grade 8 students who are residents of the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) area or who currently attend middle school in the DCC are eligible to apply in the fall of Grade 8.

Phone: 240-740-0100

Regional International Baccalaureate

Any Grade 8 student who is enrolled in at least level 1 of French, Chinese, or Spanish and who reside in the following high school clusters: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Walter Johnson, Northwood, Wheaton, and Whitman, can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Phone: 240-740-0100

Springbrook HS

Regional International Baccalaureate

Any Grade 8 student who is enrolled in at least level 1 of French, Chinese, or Spanish and resides in the following high school clusters: Blake, Magruder, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook and Paint Branch can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Phone: 240-740-3776

Watkins Mill HS

Regional International Baccalaureate

Any Grade 8 student who is enrolled in at least level 1 of French, Chinese, or Spanish and who currently resides in the following high school clusters: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, and Wootton may apply. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Phone: 301-284-4400/301-284-4376

Wheaton High School

Biomedical and Engineering (PLTW)

Grade 8 students who are residents of the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) area or who currently attend middle school in the DCC are eligible to apply in the fall of Grade 8. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Phone: 301-321-3319

Montgomery Blair High School

Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Program

Grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra I or higher and residing in the following high school clusters: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Blake, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Northwood, Paint Branch, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook, Wheaton, Whitman, Wootton can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Phone: 240-740-7218

Richard Montgomery High School

International Baccalaureate

Any Grade 8 student who is enrolled in level 1 of French, Chinese, or Spanish and who currently lives in Montgomery County may apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students outside the RMHS attendance area can only enter in Grade 9.

Phone: 240-740-6165

Poolesville High School

A Whole School Magnet

Global Ecology House

Grade 8 students enrolled in at least Algebra 1 or higher and currently residing in Montgomery County can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Humanities House

Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters may apply: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Science, Mathematics, Computer Science House

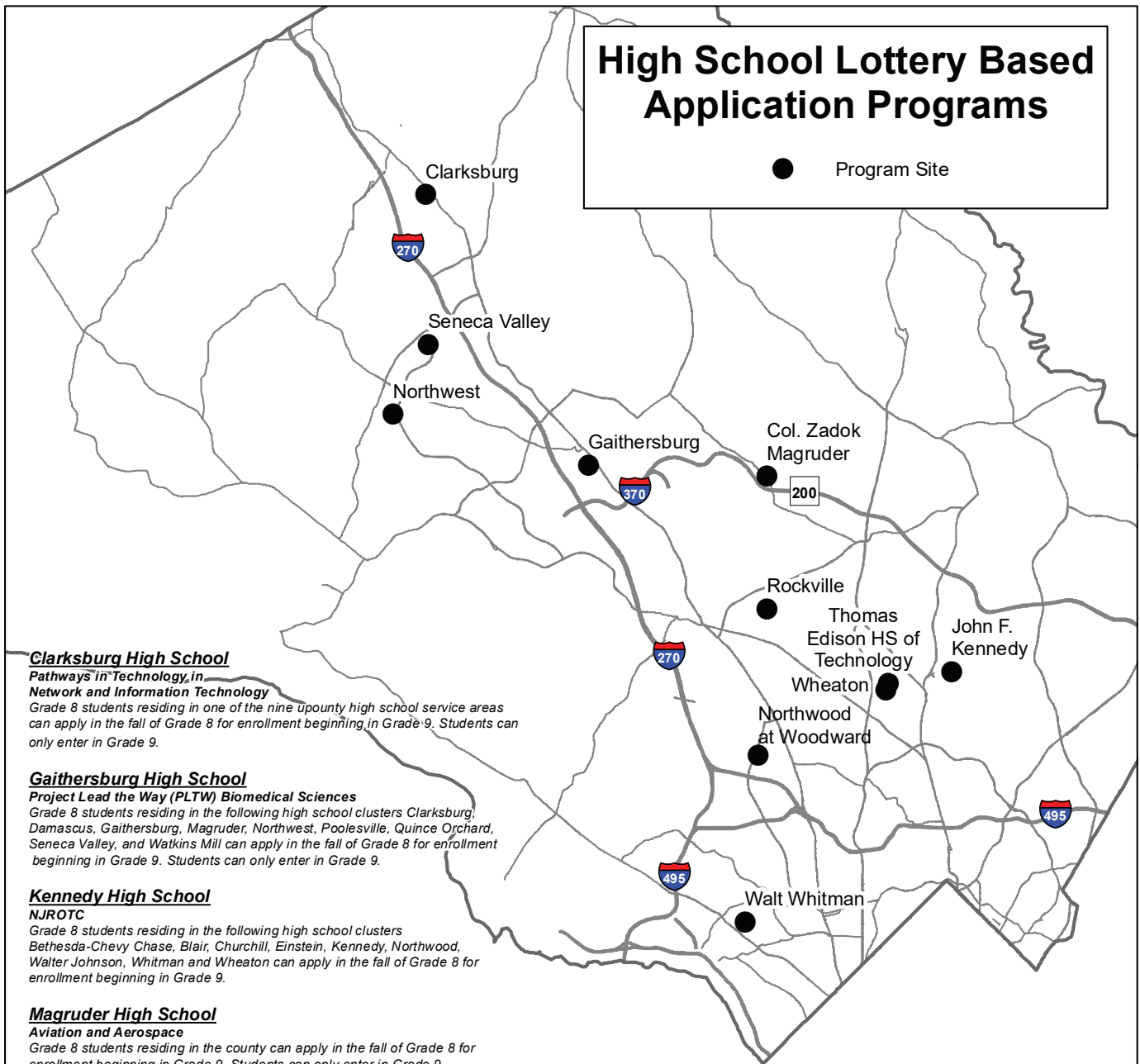
Grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra I or higher and residing in the following high school clusters may apply: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Phone: 240-740-2419 (All Poolesville Houses)

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High School Lottery Based Application Programs

● Program Site



Clarksburg High School

Pathways in Technology, in Network and Information Technology

Grade 8 students residing in one of the nine upcounty high school service areas can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Gaithersburg High School

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Sciences

Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, and Watkins Mill can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Kennedy High School

NJROTC

Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Northwood, Walter Johnson, Whitman and Wheaton can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9.

Magruder High School

Aviation and Aerospace

Grade 8 students residing in the county can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Northwest High School

Middle College

Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, and Watkins Mill can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9. There are costs to parents for Middle College programs.

Northwood High School at Woodward HS (est. 2024-2027 SY)

Middle College

Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Blake, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Northwood, Paint Branch, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook, Walter Johnson, Wheaton, Whitman and Wootton can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9. There are costs to parents for Middle College programs.

Rockville High School

IB CP Project Lead the Way (PLTW) BioScience and Engineering Programs, Computer Science, Hospitality Management, Early Childhood Associates

Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters: Magruder, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, NEC and DCC, can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Seneca Valley High School

Regional Programs: Healthcare Professions, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Technology/Cyber Security, Construction Management and Architecture, and Project Lead the Way Engineering.

Grade 8 students living in Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill and Magruder Clusters may apply.

Wheaton/Edison High Schools

Wheaton/Edison Regional Programs: Healthcare Professions, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Technology/Cyber Security, Construction Management and Architecture.

Grade 8 students who live in Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Winston Churchill, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, Walt Whitman, Wootton, Northeast Consortium- Paint Branch, Springbrook, Blake, and DCC – Blair, Einstein, Northwood, Kennedy, Wheaton may apply.

Whitman High School

Leadership Academy for Social Justice (LASJ)

Grade 8 students residing in the county can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

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MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs At-A-Glance

In addition to the various academic programs in the local schools, Grade 8* students who live in Montgomery County may be eligible to apply to MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs (criteria-based/selective and interest based/lottery). For more information, visit the MCPS regional/countywide high school application programs website (below). Application season is expected to **open in early October with the expected deadline of November 7, 2025.**

[HS Special Programs Website](#)
[Grade 8 Programs At-A-Glance Fall 2025**](#)
[Program Eligibility by Base HS](#)

**Grades 8–11 students may apply to the Visual Art Center.*

***This document will be updated on a regular basis please check back often.*

Local High School Programs

Department of Secondary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs in the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs

240-740-3110

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/

Mathematics Instruction

240-740-4001

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/

English Instruction

240-740-4006

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/english/

Science Instruction

240-740-4002

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/

Social Studies Instruction

240-740-4008

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/socialstudies/

ALL HIGH SCHOOLS have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet the needs of students, including those who demonstrate high interest, motivation, and/or level of achievement in a particular area of study. At every grade level, all students should have opportunities to enrich and extend their learning, study and explore areas of interest, and collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks.

Contact Your Local School

To find out more about what your local high school offers, contact the school directly, visit the school's website by searching for the school's name from the MCPS home page or going to www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/. Each school uses a variety of instructional programming models to meet the needs of its students.

At every grade level, all students have opportunities to...

- Deepen and enrich their understanding of on-grade-level material;
- Extend and enrich their understanding of above-grade-level materials through Honors, IB, and AP courses;
- Study and explore areas of interest; and
- Collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks.

All high schools have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet students' needs. Here are some examples...

- Science, mathematics, writing, and performing and visual arts competitions
- Advanced Placement courses
- Honors courses
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
- Themed Academy and Signature programs
- College partnerships
- Internships
- Career Readiness Programs of Study

Choice Programs for Students Living in the Northeast Consortium



The Northeast Consortium (NEC) is made up of three high schools: James Hubert Blake, Paint Branch, and Springbrook, five middle schools, and their feeder elementary schools. Each

high school offers a unique Signature program. Signature programs are instructional programs developed around a central theme that appeal to students' interests. Grade 8 students who live in the NEC participate in a lottery *Choice* process for assignment to an NEC high school. Grade 8 students who attend an NEC middle school but live outside the NEC may also participate in the lottery *Choice* process for assignment to an NEC high school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nec/.

James Hubert Blake High School

300 Norwood Road
Silver Spring, MD 20905
240-740-1400

Paint Branch High School

14121 Old Columbia Pike
Burtonsville, MD 20866
240-740-9900

Springbrook High School

201 Valleybrook Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
240-740-3800

*This current process is in place for the 2025–2026 school year and is subject to change as a result of the boundary study as deemed by the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

Grade 8 students who live in or attend an NEC middle school participate in a lottery Choice process for assignment to an NEC high school.

For information, visit www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/school-info/nec/.

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Northeast Consortium students...

- Attend one of three high schools: James Hubert Blake, Paint Branch, or Springbrook.
- Rank their preference of high school through the lottery *Choice* process.
- Participate in unique Signature programs and academies designed to connect their interests with rigorous academic programs in preparation for college and future careers.

NEC high school Signature programs are as follows:

Blake: Fine Arts and Humanities
Paint Branch: Science and Media
Springbrook*: IB World and Information Technology

* *Regional IB Program at Springbrook HS is available to all students who reside in one of the following high school clusters: Magruder, Rockville, NEC and Sherwood. (See page 21)*

Visit the Signature programs link found on each school's website for more details.



MCPS provides transportation to NEC students who live beyond walking distance of their assigned NEC school, as determined by MCPS. Central stop transportation is provided for Magruder, Rockville and Sherwood students who participate in the Regional International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Springbrook.

*I see ME
in ALL 3!*

◇ Choice Programs for Students Living in the Downcounty Consortium



The Downcounty Consortium (DCC) is made up of five high schools: Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, and Wheaton

and nine middle schools and their feeder elementary schools. Each DCC high school offers a variety of academies to provide smaller learning communities and engage students through their interests. Grade 8 students who live in the DCC participate in a lottery *Choice* process for assignment to a DCC high school. Grade 8 students who attend a DCC middle school but reside outside the DCC are also eligible to participate in the lottery *Choice* process for assignment to a DCC high school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/.

Montgomery Blair High School

51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring, MD 20901
240-740-7200

Albert Einstein High School

11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895
240-740-2700

John F. Kennedy High School

1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902
240-740-0100

Northwood High School@Woodward

During renovation, relocating to Woodward HS on 11211 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852 (starting Fall 2024)
240-740-6950

Wheaton High School

12401 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906
301-321-3400

*This current process is in place for the 2025–2026 school year and is subject to change as a result of the boundary study as deemed by the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

Downcounty Consortium High School Academies

Montgomery Blair:

- Entrepreneurship and Business Management
- Human Service Professions
- International Studies and Law
- Media, Music, and the Arts
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

Albert Einstein:

- Finance, Careers and Technology
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
- Renaissance Academy for College Readiness
- Teacher Academy of Maryland
- Visual and Performing Arts

John F. Kennedy:

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
- Business Administration and Management
- Broadcast Journalism & Communication
- Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)
- Healthcare Professions
- Teacher Academy of Maryland

Northwood@Woodward (starting Fall 2024):

- Finance, Accounting, Marketing & Education
- Humanities, Arts, and Media
- Music, Theatre and Dance
- Politics, Advocacy, and Law
- Technology, Environmental, and Systems Sciences
- Montgomery College Middle College (MC²@N)

Wheaton:

- Bioscience
- Engineering
- Global Studies: Art, Music, Drama, Humanities and World Languages
- Information Technology—Programming and Web Design, Information Resource Design

Visit the Academy programs link found on each school's website for more details.



MCPS provides transportation to DCC residents who live beyond walking distance of their assigned DCC school, as determined by MCPS.

Did you know that Downcounty Consortium students...

- Attend one of five high schools: Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, or Wheaton?
- Rank their preference of high school through the lottery *Choice* process?
- Participate in unique academy programs designed to connect their interests with rigorous academic programs in preparation for college and future careers?

Grade 8 students who live in the DCC and interested Grade 8 students who attend a DCC middle school participate in a lottery Choice process for assignment to a DCC high school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/.

*I can THRIVE
at ALL 5!*

Criteria Based Application-only Programs within the Downcounty Consortium

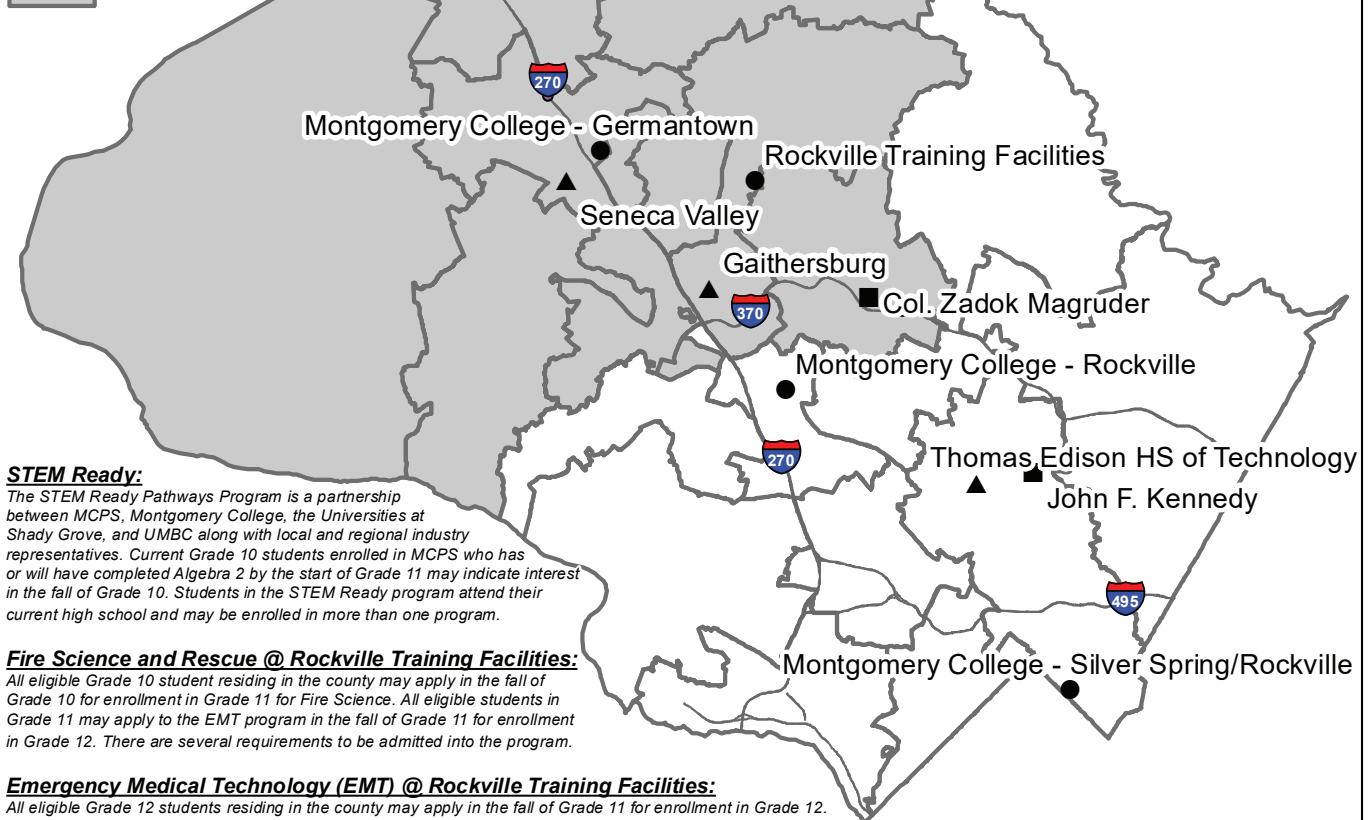
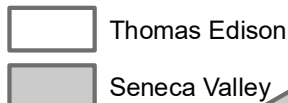
- **Communication Arts Program (CAP)** at Blair HS is available to all students who reside in the DCC and/or attend a DCC middle school.
- **Visual Art Center (VAC)** at Albert Einstein HS is available to all students who reside in Montgomery County. Students must present an art portfolio as part of the admissions process. More information can be found on the VAC website. www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/vac
- **Leadership Training Institute (LTI)** at Kennedy HS is available to students who reside in the DCC and/or attend a DCC middle school.
- **The Engineering and Biomedical Program (PLTW)** at Wheaton HS is available to all students who reside in the DCC and/or attend a DCC middle school.
- **Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet Program** at Blair High School is available to students who reside in one of the following high school clusters: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Churchill, the Downcounty Consortium, the Northeast Consortium, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, Walt Whitman, or Wootton.
- **Regional IB Program** at John F. Kennedy is available to all students who reside in one of the following high school clusters: BCC, Churchill, DCC, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/school-info/downcounty/

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/

Countywide College and Career High Schools & County Sites

- ▲ Career High School
- AJROTC/NJROTC
- Non-MCPS Program Sites



STEM Ready:

The STEM Ready Pathways Program is a partnership between MCPS, Montgomery College, the Universities at Shady Grove, and UMBC along with local and regional industry representatives. Current Grade 10 students enrolled in MCPS who has or will have completed Algebra 2 by the start of Grade 11 may indicate interest in the fall of Grade 10. Students in the STEM Ready program attend their current high school and may be enrolled in more than one program.

Fire Science and Rescue @ Rockville Training Facilities:

All eligible Grade 10 student residing in the county may apply in the fall of Grade 10 for enrollment in Grade 11 for Fire Science. All eligible students in Grade 11 may apply to the EMT program in the fall of Grade 11 for enrollment in Grade 12. There are several requirements to be admitted into the program.

Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) @ Rockville Training Facilities:

All eligible Grade 12 students residing in the county may apply in the fall of Grade 11 for enrollment in Grade 12. Students will need to pass an occupational medical exam and clear a background check prior to being admitted.

Early College, Associate Degree Programs offered at each Montgomery College campus as follows:

Various degree programs offered at each site. See Montgomery College Early College Website for details: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/high-school-students/dual-enrollment/degree-and-pathway-programs/early-college-program/index.htm#pathways>
Grade 10 students residing in the county can apply in the fall of Grade 10 for enrollment beginning summer before Grade 11. Students can only enter in Grade 10. Transportation is the responsibility of the student/family. There are some costs to some parents for Early College programs.

Seneca Valley HS: Offering 10 regional college and career programs to eligible MCPS students entering Grades 11-12 who reside in the nine upcounty high school clusters.

Gaithersburg HS: Offering four select regional college and career programs to eligible MCPS students entering Grade 10-12 who reside in the nine upcounty high school clusters.

Thomas Edison HS of Technology: Offering numerous select regional/countywide college and career programs to eligible MCPS students entering Grade 10-12.

Electrical Apprenticeship Program: Students in grade 11 from all MCPS HS clusters may apply to attend in grade 12. Students must have a valid driver's license, a social security or I-9 number and reliable transportation.

MCPS Apprenticeship Maryland Program: Available to students from all MCPS high school clusters in grades 11 and 12. Students must have a social security or I-9 card as well as reliable transportation.

Magruder HS AJROTC: All eligible rising Gr 10 and 11 students who live/attend in one of the upcounty high school clusters may apply. This is a part-time program.

Kennedy HS NJROTC: All eligible rising Gr 9-11 students who live/attend in one of the downcounty high school clusters may apply. Students in this program attend full-time.

To learn more about the various programs, visit the link on the next page or visit the MCPS Special Programs website.
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FOR CURRENT GRADES 9, 10 AND 11 STUDENTS—FALL 2025

MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs At-A-Glance

In addition to the various academic programs in the local schools, Grades 9, 10 and 11 students who live in Montgomery County may be eligible to apply to MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs. These options are for students beginning in 2026–2027. For more information, visit the MCPS regional/countywide high school application programs website (below). Application season is expected to **open in early October with a deadline of November 7, 2025**. Transportation is provided to many of our part time programs from the student's current school. See the Fall 2025 Programs Link below for details. Please note that school assignments for part-time programs may be subject to change based on enrollment and staffing.

[HS Special Programs Website](#)
[Grades 9, 10, and 11 Students — Fall 2025 Programs*](#)

Note: Grades 9-11 students may apply to the Visual Art Center.

**This document will be updated on a regular basis please check back often.*

MCPS NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) prohibits illegal discrimination based on race, ethnicity, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, religion, immigration status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, family structure/parental status, marital status, age, ability (cognitive, social/emotional, and physical), poverty and socioeconomic status, language, or other legally or constitutionally protected attributes or affiliations. Discrimination undermines our community's long-standing efforts to create, foster, and promote equity, inclusion, and acceptance for all. The Board prohibits the use of language and/or the display of images and symbols that promote hate and can be reasonably expected to cause substantial disruption to school or district operations or activities. For more information, please review Montgomery County Board of Education Policy ACA, *Nondiscrimination, Equity, and Cultural Proficiency*. This Policy affirms the Board's belief that each and every student matters, and in particular, that educational outcomes should never be predictable by any individual's actual or perceived personal characteristics. The Policy also recognizes that equity requires proactive steps to identify and redress implicit biases, practices that have an unjustified disparate impact, and structural and institutional barriers that impede equality of educational or employment opportunities. MCPS also provides equal access to the Boy/Girl Scouts and other designated youth groups.*

It is the policy of the state of Maryland that all public and publicly funded schools and school programs operate in compliance with:

- (1) Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and
- (2) Title 26, Subtitle 7 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code, which states that public and publicly funded schools and programs may not
 - (a) discriminate against a current student, a prospective student, or the parent or guardian of a current or prospective student on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability;
 - (b) refuse enrollment of a prospective student, expel a current student, or withhold privileges from a current student, a prospective student, or the parent or guardian of a current or prospective student because of an individual's race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; or
 - (c) discipline, invoke a penalty against, or take any other retaliatory action against a student or parent or guardian of a student who files a complaint alleging that the program or school discriminated against the student, regardless of the outcome of the complaint.**

Please note that contact information and federal, state, or local content requirements may change between editions of this document and shall supersede the statements and references contained in this version. Please see the online version for the most up-to-date information at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/nondiscrimination.

For inquiries or complaints about discrimination against MCPS students***	For inquiries or complaints about discrimination against MCPS staff***
Director of Student Welfare and Compliance Office of District Operations Student Welfare and Compliance 15 West Gude Drive, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-3215 SWC@mcpsmd.org	Human Resource Compliance Officer Office of Human Resources and Development Department of Compliance and Investigations 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 2500, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-2888 DCI@mcpsmd.org
For student requests for accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973	For staff requests for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act
Section 504 Coordinator Office of School Support and Improvement Well-Being and Student Services 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 257, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-3109 504@mcpsmd.org	ADA Compliance Coordinator Office of Human Resources and Development Department of Compliance and Investigations 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 2500, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-2888 DCI@mcpsmd.org
For inquiries or complaints about sex discrimination under Title IX, including sexual harassment, against students or staff***	
Title IX Coordinator Office of District Operations Student Welfare and Compliance 15 West Gude Drive, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-3215 TitleIX@mcpsmd.org	

*This notification complies with the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended.

**This notification complies with the Code of Maryland Regulations Section 13A.01.07.

***Discrimination complaints may be filed with other agencies, such as the following: U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Baltimore Field Office, GH Fallon Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 1432, Baltimore, MD 21201, 1-800-669-4000, 1-800-669-6820 (TTY); Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR), William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 900, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-767-8600, 1-800-637-6247, mccr@maryland.gov; Agency Equity Officer, Office of Equity Assurance and Compliance, Office of the Deputy State Superintendent of Operations, Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-2595, oeac.msde@maryland.gov; or U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Suite 515, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 1-800-421-3481, 1-800-877-8339 (TDD), OCR@ed.gov, or www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html.

This document is available, upon request, in languages other than English and in an alternate format under the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, by contacting the MCPS Office of Communications at 240-740-2837, 1-800-735-2258 (Maryland Relay), or PIO@mcpsmd.org. Individuals who need sign language interpretation or cued speech transliteration may contact the MCPS Office of Interpreting Services at 240-740-1800, 301-637-2958 (VP) mcpsinterpretingservices@mcpsmd.org, or MCPSInterpretingServices@mcpsmd.org.

