

What's a Center Program?

More choices. More opportunities. For all.

MCPS Center Programs are specialized four-year Programs offered across six regions. They give students the chance to explore their interests, build in-demand skills and get real-world experience.



What Are Center Programs?



Specialized 4-year programs with a focused course sequence, co-curriculars and a culminating experience (like college credits, industry certification or an internship).



Offered across 6 regions so more students can access these opportunities, closer to home.



Cover a variety of interest areas including STEM, medical science, the arts, language, humanities and leadership.



Optional
Students can apply to a Center Program or engage in the cornerstone opportunities at their local high school.

The Big Why

The **regional model** helps us **expand access** to these highly specialized programs for all students across Montgomery County – no matter where they live.

- ✓ More access.
- ✓ More possibilities.
- ✓ For every student.

Your student's local high school determines which programs they can explore. It's the starting point for their journey!



Myths vs. Facts

- ✗ Only high-achieving students can apply.
- ✓ All students are encouraged to explore their options.
- ✗ Center Programs are required.
- ✓ They're optional. Some students may prefer the great opportunities at their local high school!
- ✗ There are only a few types of programs.
- ✓ Within each region there are 15–20, with a wide range of themes and focus areas.
- ✗ Transportation is not available.
- ✓ Central-stop transportation is planned for Center programs. Routes and stops will be shared in summer 2027.

Here's what to do:

Want to see which programs are available in your region?

1

Find your region

Your home school determines your region

2

Explore programs

Check your High School Possibility report or visit the MCPS website.

3

Review requirements

Learn about eligibility and application details.

4

Choose and apply

Complete the form in ParentVUE by November 6, 2026.

Ready to learn more?



Visit the MCPS website and search: **"Center Programs"**
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org



Scan here for more information!

**Different interests.
Same goal.
Student success.**