High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs Preview Night

WELCOME!

For Parents/Guardians and Their Students Entering Grade 9 in 2020-2021

Thank you for joining us this evening. The presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.
Tonight’s Agenda

• Welcome & Agenda
• High School Strategic Plan
• Regional/Countywide Application Programs Preview
• Admission Process, FAQ and Timeline
• Table Fair, Q&A

Event ends at 8:30 p.m.
Preparing Students for Economic and Career Success

- The Economy Has Changed
- College Has Changed
- Career Opportunities Have Changed
High School Options and Pathways

• Expanded access in elementary and middle school
• Vision for college AND career readiness
• High-demand, high quality programs in every school
• Special programs regional/countywide
• Leveraging new facilities
Foundation: Strong Local Schools
What do all MCPS high schools have in common?

• Rigorous academics
• Course sequences to college level work
• Programs of study for in-demand careers in the changing economy
• Honors & Advanced Placement (AP)
• Montgomery College Courses, Dual Enrollment
• Extracurricular programs & athletics
• The arts
• Internships and work-based experiences
Striking a Balance

Strong local schools

Providing unique programs
Exploration & Application year for Current Grade 8 students

First freshmen class in new application programs

2019–2020

2020–2021

2021–2022

And beyond . . . to 2025 and later

Regional and countywide programs = Centrally managed
High School Strategic Plan

Foundation: Strong Local Schools

Building on a Strong Foundation

• Strong local schools
• Expanding access, increasing regional opportunities
• Streamlining marketing and applications for consistency and equity

PHASE ONE 2020–2021:
  ○ Regional College and Career Programs
  ○ Expansion of IB Diploma Programme
The Path to Success is No Longer Bifurcated

Students need academic knowledge, technical skills, and career-related experiences to achieve workforce success.
A sneak preview of the high school options...
Application Programs

If you are interested in ...

- More in-depth study of one or more of these thematic programs
- Work at an accelerated instructional pace

Program/Location

- Math Science Computer Science at Blair and Poolesville HS
- Humanities at Poolesville HS
- Global Ecology at Poolesville HS
Application Programs

If you interested in ...

- More in-depth study of one or more of these thematic programs
- Part of academic peer group within these programs

Program/Location

- Wheaton PLTW programs*
- Communication Arts Program at Montgomery Blair*
- Leadership Training Institute at John F. Kennedy*

**COUNTYWIDE**

- Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein

For DCC residents or students attending a DCC middle school
Regional College and Career Readiness Programs

If you are interested in...

- More in-depth study of one or more of these thematic programs
- Earn a certification

Program/Location

- Aviation at Col. Zadok Magruder HS
- Network Operations & Information at Clarksburg HS
- PLTW Engineering at Wheaton HS
- PLTW Biomedical at Wheaton HS & Gaithersburg HS
Montgomery College Middle College (MC$^2$) Programs

If you are interested in...

- Earning college credit towards an associates degree
- Ready for accelerated instruction

Program/Location

- MC$^2$ at Northwood HS
- MC$^2$ at Northwest HS
- PTECH at Clarksburg HS
Seneca Valley High School and Wheaton/Edison Partnership

● Four-year comprehensive programs
● Local student access
● Regional student access:
  ○ 100–125 seats per grade via application
● Centralized, interest-based application and assignment processes for regional seats
● On-ramps, access in Grades 10–11, current model
Application Programs
@ Wheaton/Edison and Seneca Valley HS

If you are interested in...

- More in-depth study of one or more of these thematic programs
- Earn a certification
- Access to high demand career fields

Program

- Construction & Architecture
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Healthcare Professions
- Information Technology/Cybersecurity
- Project Lead the Way
2020–2021
International Baccalaureate

Regional (starting 9th grade academic group)
- John F. Kennedy
- Springbrook
- Watkins Mill

Countywide (starting 9th grade academic group)
- Richard Montgomery
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)

If you are interested in ...

- An internationally recognized program
- Studying a world language
- Service learning and action

**Program/Location**
- Albert Einstein HS
- Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
- John F. Kennedy HS*
- Richard Montgomery HS*
- Rockville HS
- Seneca Valley HS
- Springbrook HS*
- Watkins Mill HS*

*Out-of-area students may apply to these IB programs
International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IB)

If you are interested in ...

- An internationally recognized program
- Diploma Programme Courses connected to Career-related Study
- Service learning and action

Program/Location

- Rockville HS
- Watkins Mill HS
- Seneca Valley HS (candidate school)
Admission Process
FAQ
Timeline
Getting Started!
Step 1

MCPS Regional/Countywide High School Eligibility Report

Available early October in myMCPS Parent and Student Portal
MCPS Regional/Countywide Common High School Application

MCPS Regional and Countywide High School Common Application (for Grade 8 students)

Based on the available school choices listed in the MCPS Parent Portal, please indicate your interest in the following programs. Please note that after completing this survey, an email will be sent to the email address provided and your MCPS Google Email with further directions based on the schools selected.

Your email address (carla.d.malozowski@mcps.md) will be recorded when you submit this form. Not you? Switch account

* Required

Student First Name: *

Your answer

Student Last Name: *

Your answer
Step 3

MCPS Regional/Countywide High School Application Receipt Email

Thank you for expressing interest in the following lottery based and criteria based HS programs:

Lottery Based Programs:
- Healthcare Professions - Biosciences Academy at Wheaton/Edison HS (Lottery)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management - Global Studies Academy at Wheaton/Edison HS (Lottery)
- Information Technology & Security - Academy of Information Technology at Wheaton/Edison HS (Lottery)
- Construction Management and Engineering - Academy of Engineering at Wheaton/Edison HS (Lottery)
- Middle College @ Montgomery College (MC2) Program at Northwood HS (Lottery)

Information on the acceptance to these programs will be forthcoming. By expressing an interest in the programs, you have been added to the lottery for admissions to the schools listed above.

Yes, you have also expressed interest in the following application based programs:

Application Based Programs:
- Global Economy at Poolesville HS (Criteria)
- Regional International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Kennedy HS (Criteria)
- Mid-County International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Richard Montgomery HS (Criteria)
- Middle Science-Computer Science Program at Blair HS (Criteria)
- Communication Arts Program at Blair HS (Criteria)
- Leadership Training Institute at Blair HS (Criteria)
- PLTW Engineering Program at Whitman HS (Criteria), PLTW Biomedical Program (Criteria)

The application for these programs can be found at the following link:

https://forms.gle/1kUjqZCIHcMgFVD6

The application deadline is November 1, 2019.

In addition, teacher recommendations will need to be completed. Invite teachers to complete and submit the following link:

https://forms.gle/vdQ06s0RQzJtPTP7

In addition to the application and teacher recommendations above, VAC applicants are required to submit a portfolio of artwork for review. For additional details about the portfolio requirements and test score requirements, please visit this site:

http://sites.google.com/mcps.montgomery COUNTY.PUBLIC.SCHOOLS/mcps-vac/home
MCPS Regional/Countywide High School Application Receipt Document
How do I know which regional/countywide application programs my Grade 8 student is eligible?

Students are eligible for regional/countywide programs based on their home address and/or current middle school.

- **MCPS Website** - [https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/)
- **MyMCPS Parent and Student Portal** - Document Library
- **To identify your base area school, visit the school locator website:**
  [http://gis.mcpsmd.org/SchoolAssignmentTool2/Index.xhtml](http://gis.mcpsmd.org/SchoolAssignmentTool2/Index.xhtml)
How do students apply for a regional/countywide application program?

• Every Grade 8 student has an application in their portal
• Grade 8 students and parents have the online application available in MyMCPS Parent/Student Portal (early October)

• When completing your online application:
  • Indicate your programs of interest
  • Enter any additional information and teacher recommendations as requested by the program

• Submit by the due date, **Friday, November 1, 2019**

*Note: These programs are optional.*
How do I learn about my local high school options?

- Visit your local high school’s website for program information.
- Contact your middle school counselor.
- Attend your local high school’s incoming Grade 9 meeting when invited.
What is involved in the admission process for interest (lottery) programs?

Interest-based application programs request a student to indicate their interest on the application. The admission process will run a lottery if requests exceed seats. Factors such as spaces available, socioeconomic services and geography may be considered.

Students may be invited to more than one program or a variety of interest or criteria based programs. Students may accept only one program.

**Note:** These programs are optional.
What is involved in the admission process for criteria-based programs?

▪ Criteria-based application programs may use multiple measures for admissions. These could include school performance data, scored essay, above-level reasoning test (taken on 12/7), and report card grades.

▪ Each student is reviewed by the selection committee for consideration into a program.

Students may be invited to more than one program or a variety of interest or criteria based programs. Students may accept only one program.

**Note:** These programs are optional.
Is transportation provided?

MCPS bus transportation varies and is provided from central stops for most programs. Parents are responsible for getting students to and from the central stops. Visit this site for MCPS transportation information for application programs:

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/about/qamagparent.pdf
Regional/Countywide Application Program Information Meetings

Student Eligibility Varies

- **T** Sep. 19 Richard Montgomery HS HS Regional/Countywide Application Program Preview, 6:30 PM
- **W** Sep. 25 Watkins Mill HS HS Regional/Countywide Application Program Preview, 6:30 PM
- **T** Sep. 26 Kennedy HS DCC Choice and HS Reg/Countywide App Program Preview Night 6:30 PM
- **T** Oct. 1 Clarksburg HS PTECH Info Meeting, 7 PM
- **W** Oct 2 Blake HS NEC Choice and HS Reg/Countywide App Program Preview Night, 6:30 PM
- **Th** Oct. 3 Gaithersburg HS PLTW BioSci Info Meeting, 6 PM
- **M** Oct. 7 Blair HS Science, Math, Computer Science Magnet Info, 7 PM
- **M** Oct. 7 Poolesville HS Whole School Magnet Info meeting* 5 PM, 7 PM
- **T** Oct 10 Wheaton HS Wheaton PLTW and Wheaton/Edison Partnership, 6:30 PM
- **M** Oct. 14 Seneca Valley HS Regional Career Readiness Programs Info Meeting, 6:30 PM
- **W** Oct. 16 Watkins Mill HS Regional IB, 7 PM
- **T** Oct 17 Kennedy HS Regional IB, 5:30 PM; Leadership Training Institute, 7:30 PM
- **M** Oct 21 Blair HS Communication Arts Program, 7 PM
- **T** Oct. 22 Magruder HS Aviation Info Meeting, 5:30 PM
- **T** Oct. 22 Northwest & Northwood MC2 info meeting; 7 PM, 6 PM
- **Th** Oct. 24 Einstein HS Visual Art Center info meeting, 7 PM
- **M** Oct. 28 Richard Montgomery HS RMIB Magnet Info meeting, 7:00 PM
- **T** Oct. 29 Springbrook HS Regional IB, 5:30 PM
- **W** Oct. 30 Rockville HS IBCP Info meeting, 6:30 PM
Timeline continued...

• **Early October:**
  - Online application available
  - MyMCPS student and parent portal eligibility report available (personalized)
  - MCPS online application link available (general)

• **November 1:**
  Online Application Submission Due

• **Late January/Early February:**
  Parents/guardians/students notified of high school results

• **Late February:** Acceptance to a program deadline
Need More Information?

Program Table Fair:
● Immediately following the presentation

MCPS website:
● https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/

Program Questions:
● Office of Curriculum & Instructional Programs, 240-740-4000

Admission Questions:
● Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 240-740-2540 or DCCAPS@mcpsmd.org