

SATURDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2018-2019

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Description	Saturday School provides mentoring and tutoring in core academic subjects on Saturday mornings from September through May. The elementary and middle school program's focus is to promote success in math and reading language arts (1 hour tutoring in each). The content, which is aligned to the Common Core State Standards, is sequenced to provide additional support for students on grade level concepts and above grade level mathematics. The high school program is individualized to meet each student's specific needs and is designed to promote success in core high school subjects. Advanced level academic support is offered at selected sites. Breakfast snack is provided to all Saturday School participants at the 12 sites.
Serving Grade Levels	Kindergarten through 12
How to Enroll	Participation is voluntary. Parents can register students at all Saturday School centers and online, anytime through the year.
Location(s)	12 Saturday School sites. Blair, Clarksburg, Einstein, Gaithersburg, Kennedy, Magruder, Northwest, Paint Branch, Rockville, Springbrook, Watkins Mill and Wheaton High Schools.
Fee	\$85 for the entire year (\$40 for FARMS students)

ACES – ACHIEVING COLLEGIATE EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS (Saturday School Component)

Description	Saturday School provides additional academic support on Saturday mornings for students enrolled in ACES, a collaborative effort between MCPS and Montgomery College. ACES helps to create a seamless educational pathway and support structure from high school to college completion. The program is aimed at those who are underrepresented in higher education and those who would be the first in their family to attend college.
Serving Grade Levels	Grades 11 and 12
How to Enroll	Participation in Saturday School is voluntary. Registration at Saturday School centers is facilitated by ACES Academic Coach.
Location(s)	Primarily available at ACES high schools on Saturday mornings.
Fee	Registration fees paid for by Montgomery College

SAT/ACT Prep

Description	A course that assists students who are preparing for the SAT and ACT (critical reading, mathematics, and writing)
Serving Grade Levels	Available to students in grades 9 - 12 who are enrolled in Saturday School and preparing to take the SAT or ACT exams for college entrance.
How to Enroll	Participation is voluntary.
Location(s)	Paint Branch, Montgomery Blair, Einstein and Springbrook centers
Fee	Students must be enrolled in Saturday School to participate. \$85 for the entire year (\$40 for FARMS students)

Young Scholars Program (YSP)

Description	Designed to increase student access to rigorous instruction and course work in mathematics and science for a diverse population. Students develop critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem solving skills.
Serving Grade Levels	Grades 3, 4 and 5
How to Enroll	Participation is by MCPS invitation only. Selection through a variety of criteria to determine potential to excel in the areas of math and science.
Location(s)	YSP is held at John F. Kennedy High School and Montgomery Blair High School.
Fee	Students must enroll in Saturday School for \$85 for the entire year (\$40 for FARMS students)

Saturday School Parent Training Workshops

Description	Training workshops conducted by MCPS to assist parents in navigating the school system and advocating for their children. There are usually two workshops per school year and workshops are conducted in both English and Spanish.
Serving	Open to Saturday School parents and all MCPS parents.
How to Enroll	Watch for information on Saturday School website and the Parent Calendar for dates and times. No need to enroll.
Location(s)	All 12 Saturday School sites.
Fee	Free

Adult Literacy Program

Description	This program serves adults with limited English skills by empowering them with basic language skills needed to interact with their child's school and to support their child's learning. Classes offered are Literacy, Basic I, Basic II.
Serving	Adults that are interested in learning English as a second language.
How to Enroll	Open to adults and any parent. Registration at Montgomery Blair Saturday School site.
Location(s)	Montgomery Blair High School
Fee	There is no fee for parents to attend this program.

Aristotle Circle Peer Tutors (AC Peer Tutors)

Description	AC Peer Tutoring is offered to students at all Saturday School Centers. Individualized support in core academic subjects including math—Pre-Algebra through AP Calculus—is provided. AC Peer Tutors matches high-achieving local high school students who are carefully screened to serve as tutors and role models for their peers.
Serving Grade Levels	Grades 3 through 12.
How to Enroll	www.saturdayschool.org
Location(s)	All 12 Saturday School sites.
Fee	Students must first register in Saturday School. An additional cost of \$15 for each 30 minute session is charged.

High Achievement Scholarship Program

Description	The High Achievement Scholarship Program awards scholarships to seniors who evidence high academic achievement as outlined in the application for. Eligible students have either provided consistent, quality service to the Learning Academy as a volunteer or shown academic progress as a participant in the program.
Eligibility	Eligibility criteria are outlined in the application form.
How to Apply	This is a competitive process. Applications are available each year in February/March through the Center Directors at all Saturday School sites. Applications are also available online. Recipients are announced at Saturday School's closing ceremonies in May.
Location(s)	Offered to seniors at all 12 Saturday School sites.

Support in Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Description	This is a Saturday morning extension of the AP Bio, Chemistry and Physics courses offered at the high school. Students receive additional support from teachers and college tutors in AP science courses.
Serving Grade Levels	Students enrolled in AP Bio, Chemistry and Physics
How to Enroll	www.saturdayschool.org
Location(s)	AP Bio support is available at the Wheaton HS Center
Fee	Students must first register in Saturday School to participate.

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics - Curiosity Academy

Description	Curiosity Academy is a STEM-focused, exciting and fun, hands-on, seven-week learning experience! The elementary program is full of adventure with real-world engineering challenges. Kids in the middle school program will engineer a better world with engaging activities that relate to real-life experiences. The program at both levels promotes creativity and teamwork!
Serving Grade Levels	Elementary students (grades 3 to 5) and Middle School students (grades 6 to 8)
Dates	First Semester Course: September 22, 29 / October 6, 13, 20, 27 Second Semester Course: February 2, 9, 23 / March 2, 9, 16
How to Enroll	www.saturdayschool.org
Location(s)	Saturday School Centers at Magruder, Northwest, Rockville, and Einstein
Fee	\$200 per seven-week course.

CODING

Description	Saturday School's innovative course for elementary and middle-schoolers teaches computer programming skills through a variety of coding activities using multiple coding programs. These fun classes are perfect for kids who have great imaginations, like figuring out how things work or simply love technology.
Serving Grade Levels	Elementary students (grades 3 to 5) and Middle School students (grades 6 to 8)
Dates	First Semester Course: November 3, 10, 17; December 4, 8 Second Semester Course: March 23, 30, / April 6, 13, 27
How to Enroll	www.saturdayschool.org

Location(s)	Einstein Center in the fall with the potential of expansion in the spring
Fee	\$125 per five-week course.

RISING STARS PRE- K Program

Description	Rising Stars Pre-K early learning opportunity, that emphasizes social emotional development, early literacy and math. This program will utilize the Big Day for Pre-K curriculum and include weekly sessions for parents to learn how to engage pre-school students in learning. The overall goal of the program is to ensure kindergarten readiness.
Serving Grade Levels	Pre-K ages 3 and 4
Dates	Orientation: September 22 and 29 Classes align with Saturday School calendar
How to Enroll	Families must register in person at Saturday School central office prior to September 15th
Location(s)	Montgomery Blair Saturday School site
Fee	Free for students and parents through County Executive Grant