



SUMMARY SHEET DCC High School Options Fair September/October 2018

Downcounty Consortium (DCC) — five high schools in the Consortium for students who live in the DCC attendance area or attend a DCC middle school

School Assignment Locator: <http://gis.mcpsmd.org/SchoolAssignmentTool2/Index.shtml>
(This link provides you information on your base high school.)

DCC HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES:

- **Montgomery Blair HS: 51 University Boulevard, East, Silver Spring, MD 20901**

- ❖ Entrepreneurship
 - ❖ Human Services Professions
 - ❖ International Studies & Law
 - ❖ Media, Music, and The Arts
 - ❖ Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Academy Coordinator: Amanda Wall; Amanda_L_Wall@mcpsmd.org
<http://academies.mbhs.edu/>

Blair Open House:
Thursday, October 4
7 p.m.

- **Albert Einstein HS: 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895**

- ❖ Finance
 - ❖ International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
 - ❖ Renaissance
 - ❖ Visual and Performing Arts
- Academy Coordinator: Tom Curley; Thomas_F_Curley@mcpsmd.org
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteihhs/academies/

Einstein Open House:
Wednesday, October 10
7 p.m.

- **John F. Kennedy HS: 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902**

- ❖ Health Professions
 - ❖ Broadcast Journalism & Communications
 - ❖ Business Administration & Management
 - ❖ International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
 - ❖ Teacher Academy of Maryland
 - ❖ Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)
- Academy Coordinator: Kevin Jefferson; Kevin_Jefferson@mcpsmd.org
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/kennedyhs/programs/academies/

Kennedy Open House:
Thursday, October 25
7 p.m.

- **Northwood HS: 919 University Boulevard, West, Silver Spring, MD 20901**

- ❖ Humanities, Art & Media
 - ❖ Montgomery College Middle College Program @ Northwood (MC)²@N
 - ❖ Music, Theatre & Dance
 - ❖ Politics, Advocacy, & Law
 - ❖ Technological, Environmental, & Systems Science
 - ❖ Finance, Accounting, Marketing and Education
- Academy Coordinator: Holly Jones; Holly_M_Jones@mcpsmd.org
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwoodhs/departments/academy/

Northwood Open House:
Thursday, October 18
6:30 p.m. – MC² Program
7 p.m. – General Open House

- **Wheaton HS: 12401 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906**

- ❖ Bioscience
 - ❖ Engineering
 - ❖ Information Technology
 - ❖ Global Studies
- Academy Coordinator: Ellisa Earley Hidalgo; Ellisa_M_EarleyHidalgo@mcpsmd.org
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wheatonhs/academies/

Wheaton Open House:
Tuesday, October 23
6:30 p.m. – Application Only Program
7 p.m. – General Open House

Application Programs (Competitive entry where an application, test results, report cards, portfolio and/or other information is required):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, Math, Computer Science Magnet Program at Montgomery Blair HS[^] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB Diploma Programme @ Richard Montgomery HS[^]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Ecology House at Poolesville HS[^] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Art Center (VAC) at Albert Einstein HS[^]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Edison High School of Technology (TEHST)[^] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Arts Program (CAP) @ Blair HS[^]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Training Institute at Kennedy HS[^](LTI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomedical Program at Wheaton HS[^]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Program at Wheaton HS[^] 	

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[^] Individual information meetings are held at each high school for each application program. Visit school's website for specific dates and times.

Application Program Website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/>

NOTE: Even if applying to a special program, students must still submit a *Choice* form!

DCC Choice Process Timeline & Magnet Application Deadline:

- September/October
 - Options Fairs
 - Career exploration activities in middle school
 - Evening Open Houses at all five DCC high schools
 - *Choice* form submission instructions mailed to students' homes (mid-October)
 - Evening enrollment meeting for DCC private/non-MCPS students – October 30
- November
 - Round 1 - *Choice* Form submission deadline– **November 2**
 - Completed application(s) due to designated school – **November 2**
- December
 - Testing for application programs – **Saturday, December 1**
- January
 - High school assignment letters mailed to students' homes in late January
- February
 - Magnet invitation letters mailed to students' homes in early February

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What do all of the DCC high schools have in common?

- Comprehensive program, interesting and challenging coursework, Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes, special education programs, ESOL programs, partnerships with universities, colleges, businesses, internships

What is an academy program?

- A sequence of related courses designed around a central theme
- A program of study that helps students make meaningful connections between their academics and their personal interests and make plans for post-high school and future careers

What is a student's base high school?

- Base high school is determined by a student's home address
- To determine a student's base high school, visit: <http://gis.mcpsmd.org/SchoolAssignmentTool2/Index.xhtml>
- Assignment to the base high school is guaranteed if selected 1st on *Choice* form or selected as 2nd choice if the 1st choice school is not available

What is Round 2 and who is eligible to participate?

- Round 2 is the second opportunity for students and parents to participate in the *Choice* process, for the upcoming school year.
- Round 2 is available to students who did not get their first choice in Round 1, students on transfer within the DCC, and new students to the DCC area.

How can I participate in Round 2?

- If you did not get your first choice in Round 1- Complete a resubmit form on-line requesting participation in Round 2. Original choices will be re-entered. Re-entry of choices does not guarantee first choice in Round 2.
- Choices may NOT be changed from Round 1 to Round 2.
- If you are a new student to the DCC area since the Round 1 deadline- Submit a completed *Choice* form using your student google account by deadline for Round 2 - Feb. 15, 2019.

How do students who live outside the DCC but attend a DCC middle school participate in DCC *Choice*?

- Transfer students participate in Round 2 of the lottery which occurs after Round 1 in early February.
- They will receive choice form submission instructions in the mail.
- Round 2 forms need to be submitted by Feb. 15, 2019.
- Round 2 assignment letters are mailed out in March.

PowerPoint can be found on the DCC Website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/>

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