



SUMMARY SHEET

DCC Grade 7 Parent & Student Information Night

May 2019



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

- **Montgomery Blair HS: 51 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring, MD 20901**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Amanda Wall, 301-649-2880
 - ❖ www.mbhs.edu
- **Albert Einstein HS: 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Tom Curley, 240-740-2700
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteinh/
- **John F. Kennedy HS: 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Kevin Jefferson, 240-740-0100
 - ❖ <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/kennedyhs/programs/>
- **Northwood HS: 919 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD 20901**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Holly Jones, 301-649-8288
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwoodhs/
- **Wheaton HS: 12401 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Ellisa Earley-Hidalgo, 301-321-3315
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wheatonhs/

5 Great Schools!
I can THRIVE at
ALL 5!

DCC Choice Process & Timeline:

- September/early October
 - Choice and Academy program information sent home with grade 8 students – *Milestones* publication
 - Evening Information Meeting referred to as the Options Fair
- October
 - Evening Open Houses at each high school
 - Choice form instructions mailed to students' homes
 - Evening enrollment meeting for non-MCPS students
- November
 - Completed Choice Forms due
- January
 - High school assignment letters mailed to students' home
 - Round 2 choice mailing for students who attend DCC MS but reside outside of the DCC attendance area
- February
 - Round 2 choice forms due for new students, students who attend DCC MS but reside outside the DCC, and for students who did not get their first choice in Round 2

What is a student's base high school?

- Determined by your home address
- Guarantee of base HS assignment when placed 1st on Choice form
- Can be found by visiting : <http://gis.mcpsmd.org/SchoolAssignmentTool2/Index.xhtml>

What is an Academy Program?

- A sequence of courses designed around a central theme
- A program of study based on a student's interests

All DCC high schools offer comprehensive programs that offer art, technology, world language, etc.

Academy Programs by Career Cluster:

- Arts & Communications
 - ❖ Academy of Music, Theatre & Dance – Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of Humanities, Arts & Media – Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of Visual and Performing Arts – Einstein
 - ❖ Broadcast Journalism & Communications Academy – Kennedy
 - ❖ Global Studies Academy – Wheaton
 - ❖ Academy of Media, Music, and The Arts – Blair

- Human Resources, Health, & Environment
 - ❖ Teacher Academy of Maryland – Kennedy HS
 - ❖ Academy of Politics, Advocacy & Law – Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of Health Professions – Kennedy
 - ❖ Bioscience Academy – Wheaton
 - ❖ Academy of Technology, Environmental & Systems Sciences – Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of International Studies & Law – Blair
 - ❖ Academy of Finance, Accounting, Marketing and Education - Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of Human Service Professions – Blair
- Technology & Business
 - ❖ Academy of Engineering – Wheaton
 - ❖ Academy of Entrepreneurship & Business Management – Blair
 - ❖ Academy of Information Technology – Wheaton
 - ❖ Business Administration & Management Academy – Kennedy
 - ❖ Academy of Finance– Einstein
 - ❖ Academy of Finance, Accounting, Marketing and Education – Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math – Blair
 - ❖ Academy of Technology, Environmental & Systems Sciences – Northwood
- Interdisciplinary Programs
 - ❖ International Baccalaureate Program – Einstein
 - ❖ International Baccalaureate Program – Kennedy
 - ❖ Montgomery College Middle College Program (MC)²@N – Northwood HS
 - ❖ Global Studies Academy – Wheaton
 - ❖ Renaissance Academy – Einstein
 - ❖ NJROTC – Kennedy HS
- Additional information about the DCC high school academy programs can be found in the *Milestones* publication



What is Naviance?

- Career exploration website
- <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/career-readiness/naviance.aspx>
- Site ID and password can be acquired from your MCPS middle school counselor

Unique Application programs open to only students who live in the DCC or attend a DCC middle school:

- Communication Arts Program (CAP) at Montgomery Blair HS
 - <http://cap.mbhs.edu/>
 - Coordinator: Sarah Fillman, 301-649-2854
- Leadership Training Institute (LTI) at John F. Kennedy HS
 - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/kennedyhs/programs/lti/index.aspx>
 - Coordinator: Kofi Frempong, 240-740-0113
- Biomedical Application-Only Program at Wheaton HS
 - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/biomedical.aspx>
 - Coordinator: Ellisa Earley Hidalgo, 301-321-3315
- Engineering Application-Only Program at Wheaton HS
 - <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wheatonhs/academies/magnet.aspx>
 - Coordinator: Ellisa Earley Hidalgo, 301-321-3315

Application Only Program Information will be available in the fall of 2019.

Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS)
 11721 Kemp Mill Road Silver Spring, MD 20902
 240-740-2540

DCC Website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/>



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*If your child has special needs that can only be addressed through an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Best Interest Meeting, Alternative Placement or ESOL program, the school assignment through the *Choice* process may be superseded.

*Special programs are placed at schools based on school system needs and may be relocated to another site deemed by the Superintendent at any time.

*Programming and course availability are contingent on budget and enrollment. Information is subject to change.