Baltimore County Public Schools

Middle School Magnet Programs

Apply online at the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet).

Apply Online at:
tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet
from 12 noon, September 16, 2019,
until 1 p.m., November 15, 2019.

Application Deadline:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

All applications must be submitted by the above date.

Scan here to apply online or to download an application.

Please keep this brochure as a reference throughout the application cycle.
Frequently Asked Questions

What are magnet programs?
Magnet programs are theme-oriented programs that must be accessed through the magnet application process. They provide in-depth experiences and distinct choices for students with different interests, talents, and aptitudes. All magnet programs fulfill Baltimore County Public Schools’ requirements for promotion and graduation.

Who may apply to middle school magnet programs?
Students who are eligible to attend a Baltimore County public middle school may apply. Please be aware of the entry grade-level restrictions. Applications are only accepted for incoming Grade 6 students. Students who are homeless are entitled to apply to a magnet program just as any other student.

May I select more than one magnet program on the application?
Yes. Please submit only ONE application per applicant. You may select up to three (3) magnet programs on the application. Mark your selection(s) carefully. Please be aware that applications are only accepted for incoming Grade 6 students.

May I fax or e-mail my application?
No. Applications are to be submitted by 1 p.m. online via the magnet online application system or sent via U.S. mail or an approved carrier, postmarked by November 15, 2019.

How will I know that my application was received?
Online applicants will receive an e-mailed confirmation of receipt. For verification of mailed applications, parents are strongly encouraged to send the application via certified mail — return receipt requested.

What happens if my mailed application is received after the deadline or is not received?
Applications will not be processed without proof of timely submission (i.e., certified mail receipt). This includes applications postmarked or received without a legible postal date stamp after the deadline, November 15, 2019.

May I change my program selection(s)?
ANY changes in program selection(s) MUST be made by 1 p.m. online or by submitting a REVISED paper application postmarked by the application deadline, November 15, 2019.

Do students currently enrolled in elementary magnet programs get preferential placement?
No. All students who are eligible to apply to middle school magnet programs receive equal consideration in the application process.

Do siblings of students in middle magnet schools get preferential placement?
No. Siblings, including multiples, are not a factor in middle school magnet program placements.

Is there a magnet assessment?
There are no magnet assessments for middle school applicants. Applicants must be eligible to attend a Baltimore County public middle school at the time of application.

How are students selected for placement?
Available seats are first filled with priority placements. A random lottery is conducted to fill all remaining available seats and to generate a wait list. (See Superintendent’s Rule 6400: Magnet Programs for additional information.)

How and when will I be notified of my admission status?
Parents will be notified by email of the admission decisions. Magnet decision letters will be mailed by February 6, 2020 (date subject to change).

Please visit our Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet) or call the BCPS Magnet Programs at (443) 809-4127 for additional information.

Application Information

The application for middle school magnet programs will be available online from the Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet), beginning at 12 noon on September 16, 2019. Applications must be submitted by 1 p.m. online or postmarked by November 15, 2019.

The magnet admissions process is conducted in accordance with Superintendent’s Rule 6400: Magnet Programs. Parents are strongly urged to review Superintendent’s Rule 6400 and all application materials carefully. Prior to submitting an application, parents and students are encouraged to attend the Magnet EXPO and the magnet showcase event for each program of interest.

There are no admission assessments for middle school magnet programs. Applicants eligible to attend a Baltimore County public middle school for the 2020-2021 school year are selected for placement through the centralized random lottery process.

Please submit only ONE application per applicant. You may select up to three (3) magnet programs on the application.

All applications must be submitted by November 15, 2019

If mailing, certified mail is strongly recommended. Faxed or emailed applications are not processed.

Applicants are selected for admission or placed on a wait list through a random lottery process.

Applications must be submitted by 1 p.m. online or mailed to:

Middle School Magnet Application
Baltimore County Public Schools
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

postmarked on or before the established application deadline: November 15, 2019.
Middle School Magnet Programs

Read the program descriptions below to identify the magnet program(s) that best match your child’s interests. Please note that applications are only accepted for incoming Grade 6 students.

21st Century Digital-Age Learning
Deep Creek
Students participate in daily engineering classes which infuse 21st century digital learning in hands-on, real-world, problem-based activities. Students are engaged in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) learning through the Project Lead the Way - Gateway® curriculum. In Grade 6, students study green architecture and use technology to design environmentally sustainable living spaces. In Grade 7, students focus on the study of robotics, electricity, and flight and space. In Grade 8, students study engineering design with powerful 3D computer-aided drafting software to design, modify, and/or create new products.

Career and Professional Studies
Lansdowne
Students apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-world situations related to different career paths and areas of study, establish short- and long-term career goals, explore college options, and develop financial literacy. Students have the opportunity to visit local businesses and government agencies, participate in financial literacy programs, and experience hands-on, project-based learning activities. They also explore high school, college, and career choices through guest speakers and independent research.

Conservation Sciences
Loch Raven
Students study the interrelationships between organisms and their environments, focusing on exploration of aquatic, environmental, and earth/space sciences. This program provides a broad foundation for students who wish to continue in a high school science magnet program. Students may earn high school science elective credit.

Earth/Space Science
Deer Park & Sudbrook
Students participate in instructional activities related to geology, erosive forces, seismic activity, volcanology, oceanography, astronomy, meteorology, and geologic time. Students may earn high school science elective credit.

Environmental and Earth/Space Science
Sudbrook
Students take Environmental Science in Grades 6 and 7 and Earth/Space Science in Grade 8. (See description above.) In Environmental Science, students study the biotic and abiotic components of the environment. Students may earn high school science elective credits.

Exploratory
Parkville
Students explore applied engineering, environmental engineering (SEAS), mass communications, and visual/graphic arts in practical applications. Students participate in all areas during their first year and are assigned by lottery to two pathways of study in Grade 7 and one pathway in Grade 8. The engineering-related pathways incorporate pre-engineering curricula and Next Generation Science Standards.

Fine Arts
Deer Park
Students may select a pathway in either the performing or visual arts. In Dance, Instrumental Music*, Vocal Music, and Theatre Arts, students are prepared for individual and ensemble performances for a variety of audiences. Students may earn high school Fine Arts graduation credit by passing the Theatre Arts final exam. In Visual Arts, students develop skills in the areas of drawing, painting, sculpting, printmaking, and ceramics. Students may earn a high school Fine Arts graduation credit by passing the Visual Arts final exam and portfolio review. (*Instrumental Music at Deer Park does not include the study of string instruments or piano. Applicants should have one or more years of prior experience playing an instrument.)

Health Sciences
Golden Ring & Northwest Academy
Students are introduced to the field of health sciences in a rigorous academic program that includes authentic experiences through health care provider partnerships and intensive classroom instruction. Students receive a solid foundation in the general function and organization of the health care field as well as the study of the human body and its structure, functions, and systems. This program prepares students for success in high school health sciences programs. Students admitted into Health Sciences will complete a diagnostic assessment as part of the enrollment process. (Program content may vary at each location.)

International Studies
Middle River, Steemers Run & Windsor Mill
Students participate in rigorous academic study, with a focus on global perspectives. In a technology-based environment, students will participate in interdisciplinary units across all content areas based on the International Baccalaureate framework. Integral parts of the International Studies magnet programs are the acquisition of a second language and service to the local and global community.

Law & Finance
Loch Raven
Students explore a wide variety of topics and problem-based learning activities in economic literacy and the legal system in the 21st century. The program prepares students for success in high school finance, law, and related career and technical programs.

Mass Communications
Deer Park
Students are provided with instruction in the use of communication technology, including television and radio broadcasting, video production, desktop publishing, and Web design.

Performing Arts Exploration
Loch Raven
Students are provided with a variety of opportunities that include steel pan percussion and theatre (incorporating drama, movement, and song). Students are prepared for individual and ensemble performances and are required to perform for a variety of audiences.

Performing Arts
Sudbrook
Students may participate in Dance, Instrumental Music (Band or Strings)*, Vocal Music, or Theatre Arts. Students are prepared for individual and ensemble performances and are required to perform for a variety of audiences. Students may earn high school Fine Arts graduation credit by passing the Theatre Arts final exam. (*Instrumental Music (Band or Strings) at Sudbrook does not include the study of guitar or piano. Applicants should have one or more years of prior experience playing an instrument.)

Science & Engineering
Southwest Academy
Students explore a variety of aspects of engineering through Project Lead The Way - Gateway® in Grades 6 and 7. In Grade 8, students focus on the study of aquatic science. Students may earn a high school science elective credit.

Visual Arts
Sudbrook & Loch Raven
Students explore the many facets of the world of art as they develop skills in drawing, painting, sculpting, printmaking, digital media, and ceramics. (Program content may vary at each location.)

World Languages
Deer Park & Sudbrook
Students increase language skills and fluency while learning about the cultural aspects of the language of study. Deer Park offers Spanish, Sudbrook offers French, Japanese, and Spanish.

REMEMBER: ANY changes in program selection(s) MUST be made by 1 p.m. online or by submitting a REVISED paper application postmarked by the application deadline, November 15, 2019.
Baltimore County Schools Hosting Middle School Magnet Programs

Geographic location and transportation availability should be considered when applying to magnet programs.

BCPS Magnet Programs
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland  21204
(443) 809-4127
tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet

Magnet EXPO!
Elementary, Middle, and High School Magnet Programs
Saturday, September 28, 2019
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Application Information Meeting at 9 a.m.
Sollers Point Technical High School
1901 Delvale Ave.
Dundalk, MD 21222

ESOL and Special Education staff will be at the EXPO to answer questions about the support services available at schools with magnet programs.

Application Information Meetings
Learn about the magnet application process!

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Kenwood High School
501 Stemmers Run Road, 21221

Thursday, October 3, 2019
Milford Mill Academy
3800 Washington Avenue, 21244

Program starts at 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium.
Special Education staff will be on hand to answer questions about the support services available at schools with magnet programs.

2019 Middle School Magnet Showcase Events

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Magnet Programs staff will be available at magnet showcase events to answer questions about the magnet application process.
If you are unable to attend a magnet showcase event, please contact the school for information about its magnet program(s).

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Magnet Transportation Information

Admission into a magnet program does not guarantee that transportation will be provided by Baltimore County Public Schools.

Deep Creek Middle School
1000 S. Marilyn Avenue, 21221
(443) 809-0112
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Deep Creek, General John Stricker, Holabird, or Stemmers Run Middle Schools.

Deer Park Middle Magnet School
9830 Winans Road, 21133
(443) 809-0726
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend either Deer Park or Franklin Middle School.

Golden Ring Middle School
6700 Kenwood Avenue, 21237
(443) 809-0130
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Deep Creek, Dundalk, General John Stricker, Golden Ring, Holabird, Middle River, Perry Hall, Sparrows Point, or Stemmers Run Middle School.

Lansdowne Middle School
2400 Lansdowne Road, 21227
(443) 809-1411
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Arbutus, Catonsville, Lansdowne, or Woodlawn Middle Schools.

Loch Raven Technical Academy
8101 LaSalle Road, 21286
(443) 809-3518
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Cockeysville, Dumbarton, Hereford, Loch Raven, Perry Hall, Pine Grove, or Ridgely Middle Schools.

Middle River Middle School
800 Middle River Road, 21220
(443) 809-0165
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Deep Creek, Dundalk, General John Stricker, Golden Ring, Holabird, Middle River, Perry Hall, Sparrows Point, or Stemmers Run Middle schools.

Northwest Academy of Health Sciences
4627 Old Court Road, 21208
(410) 887-0742
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Arbutus, Catonsville, Deer Park, Lansdowne, Northwest Academy, Pikesville, Southwest Academy, Windsor Mill, or Woodlawn Middle Schools.

Parkville Middle School & Center of Technology
8711 Avondale Road, 21234
(443) 809-5250
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Deep Creek, Dundalk, General John Stricker, Golden Ring, Holabird, Middle River, Parkville, Sparrows Point, or Stemmers Run Middle Schools.

Southwest Academy Magnet School for Science and Engineering
6200 Johnny Cake Road, 21207
(410) 887-0825
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend either Lansdowne Middle School or Southwest Academy.

Stemmers Run Middle School
201 Stemmers Run Road, 21221
(410) 887-0177
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Deep Creek, Dundalk, General John Stricker, Golden Ring, Holabird, Middle River, Perry Hall, Sparrows Point, or Stemmers Run Middle Schools.

Sudbrook Magnet Middle School
4300 Bedford Road, 21208
(410) 887-6720
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Arbutus, Catonsville, Deer Park, Franklin, Lansdowne, Northwest Academy, Pikesville, Southwest Academy, Windsor Mill, or Woodlawn Middle Schools.

Windsor Mill Middle School
8300 Windsor Mill Road, 21244
(410) 887-0618
Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend Arbutus, Catonsville, Deer Park, Lansdowne, Northwest Academy, Southwest Academy, Windsor Mill, or Woodlawn Middle schools.

Baltimore County Public Schools provides transportation to and from middle school magnet programs for students who reside within the established transportation zone of the magnet program. Transportation is provided from a limited number of pick-up points located at designated school sites. Parents are responsible for providing transportation for their students to and from their designated pick-up point.

NOTE: Pick-up points do not fall under the same guidelines as regular bus stops with regard to distance and walking conditions. In addition, supervision is not provided by the school system at the pick-up points.

Transportation is not provided by Baltimore County Public Schools outside of the established transportation zone of a magnet program.
Magnet Application Process

Get additional program information and apply ONLINE at the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet)

Carefully read all information in this brochure prior to completing the application.

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| | • Review application to ensure it is completed correctly.  
  **NOTE:** ANY changes in program selection(s) MUST be made by 1 p.m. online or by submitting a REVISED paper application postmarked by the application deadline, November 15, 2019. |
| | • Make copy of application for your records. |
| **Step 4:** | Apply ONLINE at the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet) from 12 noon, Monday, September 16, 2019, until 1 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019. |
| | **OR** |
| | **Mail the application to:**  
  Middle School Magnet Application  
  Baltimore County Public Schools  
  105 W. Chesapeake Avenue  
  Towson, MD 21204  
  postmarked by November 15, 2019 (certified mailing recommended). |
| **Step 5:** | Be Prepared to Accept or Decline Magnet Seat Offers |
| | • Parents will be notified by email of the admissions decisions. Magnet decision letters will be mailed by February 6, 2020 (date subject to change). |
| | • Parents must accept or decline a seat offer by the identified deadline or the offer will be revoked. |
| | • Once initial seat offers have been accepted or declined, available seats will be offered to students on the wait list for the program. Parents receiving placement offers from the wait list have three (3) business days to respond to the offer. Failure to respond will result in forfeiture of the seat, and the placement will be offered to the next student on the wait list. |