AN INTRODUCTION TO
Application, Choice, Immersion, and Magnet Programs

OPTIONS
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We inspire learning by providing the greatest public education to each and every student.

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Every student will have the academic, creative problem solving, and social emotional skills to be successful in college and career.

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Prepare all students to thrive in their future.

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- Magnet School for the Creative and Performing Arts
  - A. Mario Loiederman Middle School
- Magnet School for Aerospace Technology
  - Parkland Middle School

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# Career and College

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INTRODUCTION

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOOKLET IS DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES learn about the various programs that are available in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Each program is designed to provide enriched learning opportunities based on student interest and motivation. This booklet may be used as a reference to better understand a student’s educational options. However, this booklet does not refer to every special program in the county. In addition to the programs described in this booklet, individual schools may offer special programs open only to those students who reside within the school boundaries.

Navigating the Options

Questions to ask yourself before reading this booklet...

• What is the best learning environment for my child?
• What are my child’s interests and educational needs?
• How does programming at our local school meet my child’s needs and interests?
• Will I be able to arrange transportation for my child to and from a central stop if necessary?

As you read this booklet...

• Do any of the programs seem to be a good match for my child’s needs and interests?
• How might commuting to a school outside my neighborhood affect our family routines?
• Will transportation be provided for this program?

After you have read this booklet...

• Have I investigated the options available to my child at our local school?
• Is a program a good match for my child’s interests and needs?
• Do I know whom to contact with questions and for application materials?
• Have I discussed the various options with my child prior to beginning the application or Choice process?
• Have I considered transportation arrangements and a back-up plan?

MCPS Bus Transportation

According to MCPS Regulation EEA-RA, Student Transportation, Section II.B.2, “Centralized bus service, defined as transportation from a central location such as a neighborhood elementary school, to the program site, may be provided to students attending specific programs as identified in the MCPS Options (Guide to Countywide Programs) booklet, in accordance with Board action, attendance areas, transportation services, and funding levels. Parents/guardians are responsible for students’ transportation to and from centralized bus stops, whether or not there is an appropriate walking route.” It is important to carefully consider transportation options and responsibilities.

Throughout this booklet, you will see a bus icon (left): Please read the information next to that icon to learn about transportation for each specific program. If no icon is present, then there are no special transportation options for that particular program, and so the transportation regulations for “regular education” apply.

For more information about transportation regulations, please visit the transportation website www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/ or call 301-840-8130.
Elementary School Special Programs

- Center for Enriched Studies
- Language Immersion Program

World Languages Immersion, Grades K-5
For more information - 240-740-4005

- **Chinese Immersion**
  - Potomac Elementary School (partial immersion)
    - Continued at Herbert Hoover Middle School
  - Bayard Rustin Elementary School (partial immersion)
    - Continued at Herbert Hoover Middle School
  - Bayard Rustin Elementary School (full immersion)
    - Continued at Herbert Hoover Middle School

- **French Immersion**
  - Maryvale Elementary School (full immersion)
    - Continued at Gables Elementary School
    - Available to students living in the following high school clusters:
  - Silgo Creek Elementary School (full immersion)
    - Continued at Silver Spring International Middle School
    - Available to students living in the following high school clusters:
      - Blair, Blake, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Einstein, Walter Johnson, Kennedy, Northwood, Paint Branch, Springbrook, Whitman
  - Spanish Immersion
    - Burnt Mills Elementary School (full immersion)
      - Continued at Silver Spring International Middle School
    - William Tyler Page Elementary School (full immersion)
      - Continued at Silver Spring International Middle School
    - Rock Creek Forest Elementary School (full immersion)
      - Continued at Westland Middle School

Center for Enriched Studies*, Grades 4-5
For more information - 240-740-3110

*Schools are offering the program locally – Piney Branch, Stonegate, Rachel Carson and Spark Matsunaga

Each center draws from a defined set of high school clusters and are located at the following elementary schools:

- **Lucy Barnsley Elementary School**
  - Richard Montgomery, Rockville, and Wheaton high school clusters.

- **Chevy Chase Elementary School**
  - Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, and Whitman high school clusters.

- **Clearspring Elementary School**
  - Clarksburg and Damascus high school clusters.

- **Cold Spring Elementary School**
  - Churchill and Wootton high school clusters.

- **Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School**
  - Blake, Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook high school clusters.

- **Fox Chapel Elementary School**
  - Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, and Seneca Valley high school clusters.

- **Mill Creek Towne Elementary School**
  - Magruder, Gaithersburg, and Watkins Mill high school clusters.

- **Pine Crest Elementary School/Oak View Elementary School**
  - Blair, Einstein, Kennedy, and Northwood high school clusters.

Contact your school
To visit each school’s website, visit: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/ and select the “Schools” link on the left side of the page.

World Languages Immersion, Grades K-5
For more information - 240-740-4005

- In **partial immersion** programs, approximately one half of the day is spent learning subjects such as science and math in the immersion language.

- In **full immersion** programs, all of the core subjects are taught in the immersion language. The world language is not taught explicitly, but is used as the language of instruction so that students learn the language while learning the content of the curriculum.

Chinese Immersion
- Potomac Elementary School (partial immersion)
  - Continued at Herbert Hoover Middle School
  - Local program
- Bayard Rustin Elementary School (partial immersion)
  - Continued at Herbert Hoover Middle School
  - Countywide program

French Immersion
- Maryvale Elementary School (full immersion)
  - Continued at Gables Elementary School
  - Available to students living in the following high school clusters:
- Silgo Creek Elementary School (full immersion)
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Spanish Immersion
- Burnt Mills Elementary School (full immersion)
  - Continued at Silver Spring International Middle School
- William Tyler Page Elementary School (full immersion)
  - Continued at Silver Spring International Middle School
- Rock Creek Forest Elementary School (full immersion)
  - Continued at Westland Middle School
  - Countywide program

Elementary School Programs

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Local Elementary School Programs

World Languages Immersion Programs

Elementary Center for Enriched Studies

Attention Parents/Guardians and Students: Some information may change after publication. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/ or contact the school for the most current information on available programs.
Local Elementary School Programs

Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction
240-740-3110
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/

Mathematics Instruction
240-740-4001
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/

Language Arts Instruction
240-740-4006
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/english/

Science Instruction
240-740-4002
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/

Social Studies Instruction
240-740-4008
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/socialstudies/

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet the needs of students, including those who demonstrate high interest, motivation, and/or level of achievement in a particular area of study. At every grade level, all students should have opportunities to enrich and extend their learning, study and explore areas of interest, and collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks.

Contact Your Local School
To find out more about what your local elementary school offers, contact the school directly and/or visit the school’s website by searching for the school’s name on the MCPS home page or going to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/ and selecting List of Schools at the top of the page. Each school uses a variety of instructional programming models to meet the needs of its students.

At every grade level, all students have opportunities to...

- Deepen and enrich their understanding of on-grade-level material
- Extend and enrich their understanding of above-grade-level materials
- Study and explore areas of interest
- Collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks

When a student demonstrates interest, motivation, or level of achievement in a particular area of study, all elementary schools have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet those needs. Some examples are...

- Science Fairs
- Destination Imagination
- Geography Bee
- Math Olympiad
- Schoolwide Enrichment Program
- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program
- Arts Integration Model
- The William and Mary Language Arts Units for High Ability Learners, Grades 2–5
- The Junior Great Books Program, Grades K–5
- Access to enrichment and extension tasks in mathematics
- Enriched Literacy
Elementary School World Language Immersion Programs

Enrollment Requirements

Burnt Mills Elementary School (Spanish)
Serves students who attend Burnt Mills Elementary School, followed by the students from the other elementary schools that feed into Francis Scott Key Middle School. Open to all other students, based on space availability.

Bayard Rustin Elementary School (Chinese—Partial)
Serves students from all high school clusters.

Maryvale Elementary School (French)
Serves students in the following high school clusters:

William T. Page Elementary School (Spanish)
Serves students who attend William T. Page Elementary School. Open to students from other clusters, based on space availability.

Potomac Elementary School (Chinese—Partial)
Serves students who attend Potomac Elementary School. Open to students from all high school clusters, based on space availability.

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School (Spanish)
Serves students from all high school clusters.

Sligo Creek Elementary School (French)
Serves students in the following high school clusters: Blair, Blake*, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, Kennedy, Northwood, Paint Branch*, Springbrook*, and Walt Whitman.

*Immersion school based on student’s address.

THE WORLD LANGUAGES immersion programs begin in kindergarten and continue through Grade 5. Students in these programs learn the MCPS curriculum in one of three languages—Chinese, French, or Spanish.

MCPS currently offers Two Way Immersion programs (Spanish-English) at five elementary schools (Brown Station, Kemp Mill, Oakland Terrace, Rolling Terrace, and Washington Grove). While individual schools’ models vary in scheduling, all programs follow a 50/50 model, indicating that 50% of instruction is delivered in each program language. The Two Way Immersion Programs are open to students enrolled at these schools, and are not included in the lottery for MCPS’s other World Language Immersion programs.

Admission to the Program

Admission to the MCPS elementary school world languages immersion programs is limited. Selection is based on a lottery system for student in kindergarten and Grade 1. Such lottery shall include a weighting process that takes into consideration factors to include: (a) students who have an older sibling who is currently enrolled in a language immersion program and will continue to be enrolled in that language immersion program in the year the younger sibling seeks to enroll; (b) socio-economic status and poverty; and (c) other factors as identified by the superintendent of schools, such as, in specific circumstances, a catchment area. Any child who has an older sibling who was enrolled in a language immersion program during the 2017-2018 school year and that an older sibling who will continue to be enrolled in the same language immersion program the year the younger sibling seeks to enroll, may enroll in the language immersion program without the necessity of participating in the lottery conducted for admission into that program, however; an immersion interest form must be submitted for the student. New students are admitted after Grade 1 provided space is available and students pass a placement test. Multiple-birth siblings requesting the same program will be treated as a single request. To participate in the immersion program, parents/guardians must complete and submit an interest for each child wanting to be considered for a seat. For information about the process, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admission/immersion.aspx, or call 240-740-2540.

Wish to know if your child to...

- Read books in French?
- Have discussions about current events in Spanish?
- Solve math problems in Chinese?
- Learn a second language while pursuing the MCPS curriculum?

Consider applying to one of the world languages immersion programs.

Language immersion is an educational approach in which students are taught the curriculum content through the medium of a second language. In this way, immersion students not only learn the content, but also gain knowledge of the language in which it is taught. In full-immersion programs, children learn their core subjects (reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science) in the second language. Partial-immersion programs are based on the same principle, but only a portion of the curriculum is taught in the second language. The main difference between an immersion setting and a world languages class is the approach to second-language learning. In an immersion program, language is a method for teaching the content rather than the subject of instruction.

To visit each school’s website, search the school’s name from the MCPS home page or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/ and select List of Schools at the top of the page.

World Languages Instruction 240-740-4005
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion.aspx

MCPS provides transportation from central stops for some areas served by various elementary school language immersion programs. Check with the program coordinator at your school for details on transportation service availability. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding “central stops” transportation.
**Elementary Center for Enriched Studies**

The Elementary Center for Enriched Studies is for Grade 4 and Grade 5 students. The program, organized by high school cluster, is housed at the following elementary schools:

- **Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School**
  Richard Montgomery, Rockville, and Wheaton high school clusters.

- **Chevy Chase Elementary School**
  Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman high school clusters.

- **Clearspring Elementary School**
  Clarksburg and Damascus high school clusters.

- **Cold Spring Elementary School**
  Churchill and Wootton high school clusters.

- **Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School**
  Blake, Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook high school clusters.

- **Fox Chapel Elementary School**
  Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, and Seneca Valley high school clusters.

- **Mill Creek Towne Elementary School**
  Gaithersburg, Col. Zadok Magruder, and Watkins Mill high school clusters.

- **Oak View Elementary School**
  Blair, Albert Einstein, Kennedy, and Northwood high school clusters serving specifically East Silver Spring, Flora Singer, Forest Knolls, Highland View, Oak View, Rolling Terrace, Sligo Creek, Woodlin elementary schools.

- **Pine Crest Elementary School**
  Blair, Albert Einstein, Kennedy, and Northwood high school clusters serving specifically Arcola, Glen Haven, Glenallan, Oakland Terrace, Pine Crest, Rock View, Kemp Mill elementary schools.

The ELEMENTARY CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES is a two-year program that begins in Grade 4. It is designed to meet the needs of highly gifted and motivated learners in mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies. The program is housed at select elementary schools. (See page 11 for the center program that serves your attendance area). The process begins in January, and current Grade 3 students may participate. Admission to the program is by a selection committee.

**Admission to the program**

All Grade 3 students will be centrally reviewed for enrichment and acceleration for Grade 4. Those who are identified in the central review will be evaluated (includes taking an above-grade level assessment). Additional criteria used as part of the evaluation include report card grades, test scores, brief student essay and student services (IEP, ESOL, 504 or FARMS).

This process begins in January with a parent/guardian information meeting and parents/guardians of Grade 3 students will receive information in early April regarding the results of the central review.

Each center serves a designated geographic area, based on the high school cluster in which you reside.

**Does your child like to…**

- Write poetry, plays, or stories to share with friends?
- Design science experiments and test them?
- Work cooperatively with friends on projects?

**Consider the Elementary Center for Enriched Studies.**

The program provides a learning environment that enriches, accelerates, and extends the MCPS curriculum. It is designed to meet the needs of highly gifted and motivated learners in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The program focuses on critical-thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

For example, a student might—

- study a topic or concept from a multi-disciplinary perspective;
- research a historical event and communicate connections to current events;
- work cooperatively in small groups to generate solutions to real-world problems; or
- design and conduct research-based investigations and present findings.

**Program Questions**

**Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction**

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/

**Admissions Questions**

**Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services**

240-740-2540

MCPS provides transportation from central stops for students from the areas that the programs serve. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding “central stops” transportation.
Local Middle School Programs

Middle School World Languages Immersion Programs

Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Magnet Programs

Humanities and Communication Magnet Programs

Magnet School for Digital Design and Development

Magnet School for the Creative and Performing Arts

Magnet School for Aerospace Technology

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Middle School Application Programs

- **Language Immersion Program**
- **Middle School Magnet Consortium**
- **Magnet Program**

**Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) Schools**

- Argyle Middle School for Digital Design and Development
- Loiederman Magnet School for the Creative and Performing Arts
- Parkland Magnet School for Aerospace Technology

Admission is based on a Choice process open to all Montgomery County Grade 5 students in-consortium and out-of-consortium. All Grade 5 students residing in one of the following elementary school service areas must participate in the Choice process: Brookhaven, Georgian Forest, Harmony Hills, Sargent Shriver, Strathmore, Viers Mill, Weller Road, and Wheaton Woods.

**Middle School Language Immersion Programs**

- **Gaithersburg Middle School**
  - French Immersion Program
  - Students who complete the Maryvale ES French Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

- **Herbert Hoover Middle School**
  - Chinese Immersion Program
  - Students who complete the College Gardens ES or Potomac ES Chinese Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

- **Silver Spring International Middle School**
  - French and Spanish Immersion Programs
  - Students who complete the Sligo Creek ES, Burnt Mills ES, or William Tyler Page ES French or Spanish Immersion Programs may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

- **Westland Middle School**
  - Spanish Immersion Program
  - Students who complete the Rock Creek Forest ES Spanish Immersion Program may attend automatically. All others interested in participating may contact the school to learn if space is available, and passing a language assessment is contingent upon invitation.

See Page 17 for specific information.

**Middle School Magnet Programs**

- **Roberto W. Clemente Middle School**
  - Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Center Program
  - The following high school clusters may apply: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill.

- **Eastern Middle School**
  - Humanities and Communication Magnet Program

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Middle School**
  - Humanities and Communication Center Program
  - The following high school clusters may apply: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill.

- **Takoma Park Middle School**
  - Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Magnet Program

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Local Middle School Programs

Department of Secondary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs in the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs
240-740-3110
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/

Mathematics Instruction
240-740-4001
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/

Science Instruction
240-740-4002
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/

Social Studies Instruction
240-740-4008
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/socialstudies/

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet the needs of students, including those who demonstrate high interest, motivation, and/or level of achievement in a particular area of study. At every grade level, all students should have opportunities to enrich and extend their learning, study and explore areas of interest, and collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks. To find out more about what your local middle school offers, contact the school directly.

Contact Your Local School
To find out more about what your local middle school offers, contact the school directly or visit their website by searching for the school’s name from the MCPS home page or going to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/ and selecting List of Schools at the top of the page.

At every grade level, all students have opportunities to...

• Deepen and enrich their understanding of on-grade-level material,
• Extend and enrich their understanding of above-grade-level materials,
• Study and explore areas of interest, and
• Collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks

Some examples of enrichment programs offered by all middle schools are...

• Science fairs
• Middle School Science Inquiry Conference
• Destination Imagination
• Math Olympiad
• International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
• The William and Mary Language Arts Units for High Ability Learners, Grades 6–8
• The Junior Great Books Program, Grades 6–8
• Access to high school mathematics courses
• Gifted or advanced-level courses
• Access to high school courses
Middle School World Languages Immersion Programs

Middle School World Languages Partial Immersion Programs
The immersion programs are offered at the following four sites in the county:

Gaithersburg MS French
Herbert Hoover MS Chinese
Silver Spring International MS French and Spanish
Westland MS Spanish

World Languages Instruction
240-740-4005
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion.aspx/

THE WORLD LANGUAGES immersion programs begins with new students who are admitted after Grade 1, provided space is available and students pass a placement test. Please contact the programs individually to find out about the application process and deadlines.

Admission to the Program
Admission to the World Languages immersion programs is limited to incoming Grade 6 students who have completed a corresponding immersion program at the elementary level. Students who did not participate in the elementary program may test into immersion programs if there is space available. Contact the program to find out about the application process and deadlines.

Does your child have an interest in…
• Continuing to expand their knowledge of a second language?
• Reading and writing in Chinese?
• Discussing world events in French?
• Exploring Spanish culture?

For students coming from elementary French and Spanish immersion programs, a two-period block of instruction enables them to enhance their language development as well as complete the social studies courses in the same language. Students coming from elementary Chinese immersion programs will continue in a one-period language course before transitioning to the regular MCPS Chinese 2 course in Grade 7.

Consider continuing the immersion experience at one of the middle school world languages immersion programs.
• Potomac and Bayard Rustin Elementary Schools
  Hoover Middle School
• Maryvale Elementary School
  Gaithersburg Middle School
• William T. Page Elementary School
  Burnt Mills Elementary School,
  Sligo Creek Elementary School,
  Silver Spring International Middle School
• Rock Creek Forest Elementary School
  Westland Middle School
  Silver Spring International Middle School*

*DCC students have the option of attending SSI from RCF ES

To visit each school’s website, search the school’s name from the MCPS home page or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/ and select List of Schools at the top of the page.

MCPS provides transportation from central stops for the middle school language immersion students at Gaithersburg MS and Silver Spring International MS from the areas that the programs serve. Please refer to page 3 for information regarding “central stops” transportation. Transportation is not provided for language immersion students at Herbert Hoover MS or Westland MS who live outside the local school boundary.
Mathematics/Science/Computer Science Magnet Program

Roberto W. Clemente Middle School
18808 Waring Station Road
Germantown, MD 20874
301-601-0381
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/clementems/

Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910
240-740-5220
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/takomaparkms/

THE MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE/COMPUTER SCIENCE MAGNET PROGRAM provides unique and challenging learning opportunities in three areas of concentration: mathematics, science, and computer science. Students are encouraged to make connections among content areas through a problem-solving approach. Students have a variety of specialized academic experiences, such as working with scientists and mathematicians, participating in academic competitions, and writing computer programs. A parent/guardian meeting is held in the fall at a central location. Information is available online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/. School bus transportation to and from each middle school is provided from central locations throughout the county.

Admission to the program

All Grade 5 students will be part of a universal review for enrichment and acceleration for middle school programming either at their local school or magnet program. Those who are identified in the central review will be placed in a lottery pool and be guaranteed enriched instruction in middle school. A lottery will be run for the regional seats. Criteria used as part of the universal review include report card grades, test scores, brief student essay and student services (IEP, ESOL, 504 or FARMS). There is no parent/guardian application.

This process begins in December with a parent/guardian information meeting and parents/guardians of Grade 5 students will receive information in February regarding the results of the universal review and lottery.

Each center serves a designated geographic area, based on the high school cluster in which you reside.

Does your child have...

- A keen interest and ability in mathematics?
- Strong motivation in developing a deep understanding of how computers work and their applications?
- An in-depth interest in current events in science and in conducting scientific research?
- A positive attitude and a commitment to working collaboratively with peers?

Consider the Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Magnet Program at either Takoma Park Middle School or Roberto W. Clemente Middle School.

Beyond the accelerated mathematics, science, and computer science courses, students may work with scientists and mathematicians from government agencies, nearby universities and local organizations. The program offers access to many academic competitions, such as the Continental Math League—Math and computer divisions, Montgomery County Area Science Fair, and American Computer Science League. Students also conduct scientific field work at area creeks and at the Smithsonian’s Naturalist Center. Throughout all of their specialized coursework, students work with an academic cohort to conduct independent inquiries using mathematics, computer science, and the scientific process to solve real-world problems.

MCPS provides transportation from central stops for students in the Roberto W. Clemente MS and Takoma Park MS magnet programs from the areas that the programs serve. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding “central stops” transportation.
THE HUMANITIES AND COMMUNICATION MAGNET PROGRAMS provide unique and challenging learning opportunities in three areas: writing, media production, and world studies. Students are encouraged to make connections among ideas, study selected topics in depth, and develop critical and creative thinking skills. Both programs offer a broad range of courses, including accelerated classes in science, math, and world languages and strong visual and performing arts classes. A parent/guardian meeting is held in the fall at both middle schools. School bus transportation to and from each middle school is provided from central locations throughout the county.

**Admission to the program**
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This process begins in December with a parent/guardian information meeting and parents/guardians of Grade 5 students will receive information in February regarding the results of the universal review and lottery.

Each center serves a designated geographic area, based on the high school cluster in which you reside.

**Does your child have…**

- A keen interest and ability in writing?
- Strong motivation in the humanities or artistic side of media production?
- An in-depth interest in history, geography, economics and current events?
- A positive attitude and a commitment to working collaboratively with peers?

**Consider the Humanities and Communication Program at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School or at Eastern Middle School.**

Students pursue intensive courses in writing and opportunities to be published and broadcast through television, radio, and film. Students create position papers, plays, brochures, magazine articles, and research papers. The program also offers hands-on opportunities to work as a member of a production team in the program’s television studios. Students work in teams as performers, cinematographers, producers, directors, audio engineers, editors, and graphic artists. Students study the human experience through analysis of historical events, literature, and art. They also learn to document the human experience through written and visual media.

**MCPS provides transportation from central stops for students in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS and Eastern MS magnet programs from the areas that the programs serve. Please refer to page 3 for more information regarding “central stops” transportation.**
Digital Design and Development

Argyle Middle School
2400 Bel Pre Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906
301-460-2400
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/argylems/
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/argyle/

DIGITAL DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT provides students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a challenging academic program focused on the development and application of information technology. Students learn to use technology tools to enhance the school experience. Students will be required to take a minimum of one technology course per year. Additionally, students will have the option to take technology electives that focus on programming, web development, media literacy, and digital media. The school environment is both collaborative and rigorous, using teamwork and competitions to support the coursework. Throughout the Argyle experience, students will gain knowledge to prepare them for success in high school and develop skills that are transferable to a work environment.

Admission to the program
Admission to the Argyle Middle School for Digital Design and Development is based on a lottery process. Students who live within the Argyle, Loiederman, and Parkland Consortium attendance area must participate in the Choice process in Grade 5. For Grade 5 students outside of the Consortium area, Choice forms are available at all MCPS elementary schools, online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/, or from the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 301-592-2040.

Does your child like...

• Challenging courses in accelerated mathematics?
• Computers, video games, digital cameras, animation, programming, website design?
• Learning new information and solving problems using digital tools such as cameras, gaming software, and other computer-based strategies?
• Creating computer programs, websites, and digital art?
• Producing multimedia presentations?
• Using technology tools to express ideas?

Consider applying to Argyle Middle School.
Argyle Magnet School for Digital Design and Development offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic program, focused on the development and application of information technology. Argyle students are engaged with technology tools in all classes throughout the day. All Grade 6 students take a year-long comprehensive technology course. All Grade 7 and 8 students will enroll in a minimum of one technology elective. Also, students may opt to take additional elective courses, specializing in web development, programming, digital art, or media literacy. Four of the Grade 8 technology electives will be high-school-level coursework. Argyle students will—

• explore a variety of technology tools;
• use technology tools to complete school assignments;
• experience the competitive environment of team problem solving; and
• work with peers to compete in state, national, and corporate technology problem-solving challenges.

In-Consortium students who live beyond the MCPS designated walking distance of their assigned school will be provided transportation from neighborhood bus stops. No transportation is provided for students living outside of the Consortium area.
Creative and Performing Arts

A. Mario Loiederman Middle School
12701 Goodhill Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906
301-929-2282
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/loiedermanms/
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/loiederman/

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic and fine arts program. Grade 6 students have the opportunity to take two electives, such as sixth grade chorus, beginning band, sixth grade band, Lights! Camera! Literacy!, and beginning dance. Our signature course for the sixth grade is called Perspectives, which consists of dance, theater, music, and art. The Perspectives course is a great opportunity to explore all art forms.

Admission to the program

Admission to A. Mario Loiederman Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts is based on a lottery process. Students who live within the Argyle, Loiederman, and Parkland Consortium attendance area must participate in the Choice process in Grade 5. For Grade 5 students outside of the Consortium area, Choice forms will be available at all MCPS elementary schools, online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/msmagnet/, or from the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 301-592-2040.

Does your child like...

• Challenging courses in accelerated English, science, mathematics, social studies, and the arts?
• Singing, dancing, acting, speaking, reciting, or playing an instrument?
• Drawing, painting, or sculpting?
• Learning through movement?
• Discovering how the arts, history, and literature connect the human experience?
• Working behind the scenes at professional or student performances?
• Learning from teachers as artists and artists as teachers?
• Learning a foreign language while exploring the arts?

Consider applying to A. Mario Loiederman Middle School.

A. Mario Loiederman Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic program, including accelerated mathematics and fine arts. All sixth grade students take a comprehensive arts course and, as seventh and eighth grade students, select from high-level fine arts electives in the areas of visual art, dance, film, theater, or music. Loiederman students have the unique opportunity to—

• explore a broad variety of art forms and develop specific talents and interests in the arts;
• experience the creative environment of a rigorous fine arts program,
• work with peers, artists, arts organizations, media outlets, and museums to produce live and multimedia performance; and
• perform in a variety of settings to develop and enhance artistry.

In-Consortium students who live beyond the MCPS designated walking distance of their assigned school will be provided transportation from neighborhood bus stops. Transportation is not provided for students living outside of the Consortium area.
Does your child have an interest in…

- Robots, space exploration, satellites, and flight technology?
- Learning by experimenting with the latest technology and equipment?
- Sharing the experience of competition with students from other states?
- Inventing and explaining new ideas and technologies?
- Solving engineering problems using science knowledge and technology?

Consider applying to Parkland Middle School.

Parkland Middle School for Aerospace Technology offers students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 a rigorous academic program with a focus in advanced and applied mathematics and science. All Grade 6 and Grade 7 students take enriched middle school science and aerospace courses. Grade 8 students take either Honors Physics for high school credit or they are enrolled in Investigations in Earth Space Systems. In addition to the required courses, students may choose to take the following elective courses: Astronomy and Space Exploration, Research in Astronomy, Principles of Flight, Introduction to Robotic Systems, Applied Robotic Engineering, Applied Robotic Programming, and Introduction to Engineering Design. Parkland students have the unique opportunity to—

- explore technology solutions in aerospace, satellite, and robotic engineering;
- experience a rigorous scientific environment involving team problem solving and research; and
- work with peers to engage in discovering solutions to aerospace challenges.

In-Consortium students who live beyond the MCPS designated walking distance of their assigned school will be provided transportation from neighborhood bus stops. No transportation is provided for students living outside of the Consortium area.
High School Application Programs

- Application Program
- Application & Magnet Programs
- Magnet Application Program

Montgomery Blair High School
The Communication Arts Program (CAP)
Grade 8 students who are residents of the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) area or who currently attend middle school in the DCC are eligible to apply in the fall of Grade 8.
Phone: 301-649-2854

Albert Einstein High School
The Visual Art Center (VAC)
The program is open to all public and private school students in Montgomery County.

John F. Kennedy High School
Leadership Training Institute (LTI)
Any Grade 8 student who is enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher and at least level 1 of French, Chinese, or Spanish and who currently lives in Montgomery County may apply in the fall of Grade 8.

Regional International Baccalaureate
Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Northwood, Rockville, Wheaton, and Whitman, can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.
Phone: 240-740-0109

Springbrook HS
Regional International Baccalaureate
Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters: Blake, Magruder, Sherwood, Springbrook, and Paint Branch can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Any Grade 8 student who is enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher and at least level 1 of French, Chinese, or Spanish and who currently lives in Montgomery County may apply in the fall. Students can only enter in Grade 9.
Phone: 240-740-3800

Watkins Mill HS
Regional International Baccalaureate
Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Seneca Valley, and Watkins Mill can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Wheaton High School
Biomedical and Engineering (PLTW)
Grade 8 students who are residents of the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) area or who currently attend middle school in the DCC are eligible to apply in the fall of Grade 8.
Phone: 301-321-3315

Montgomery Blair High School
Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet Program
Grade 8 students residing in the following high school clusters and enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Blake, Churchill, Einstein, Kennedy, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Northwood, Paint Branch, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook, Wheaton, Whitman, Wootton can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.
Phone: 301-649-8240

Richard Montgomery High School
International Baccalaureate
Any Grade 8 student who is enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher and at least level 1 of French, Chinese, or Spanish and who currently lives in Montgomery County may apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students outside the RMHS attendance area can only enter in Grade 9.
Phone: 240-740-6165

Poolesville High School
A Whole School Magnet
Global Ecology House
Grade 8 students enrolled in at least Algebra 1 or higher and currently residing in Montgomery County can apply in the fall of Grade 8 for enrollment beginning in Grade 9. Students can only enter in Grade 9.

Humanities House
Grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher and residing in the following high school clusters may apply: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill. Students can only enter in Grade 9.
Phone: 240-740-2419 (All Poolesville Houses)
High School Programs

- Local High School Programs
- Northeast and Downcounty Consortia
- Criteria Based Program Options
  - Wheaton PLTW Biomedical Science and Engineering
  - Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet Program
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Richard Montgomery HS
  - Regional International Baccalaureate Programme @ Kennedy, Springbrook and Watkins Mill HS
- A Whole-School Magnet
- Visual Art Center
- Regional Lottery Based Programs

Attention Parents/Guardians and Students: Some information may change after publication. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/ or contact the school for the most current information on available programs.
Local High School Programs

Department of Secondary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs in the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs
240-740-3110
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/

Mathematics Instruction
240-740-4001
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/

English Instruction
240-740-4006
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/english/

Science Instruction
240-740-4002
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/

Social Studies Instruction
240-740-4008
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/socialstudies/

ALL HIGH SCHOOLS have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet the needs of students, including those who demonstrate high interest, motivation, and/or level of achievement in a particular area of study. At every grade level, all students should have opportunities to enrich and extend their learning, study and explore areas of interest, and collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks.

Contact Your Local School
To find out more about what your local high school offers, contact the school directly, visit the school’s website by searching for the school’s name from the MCPS home page or going to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/ and selecting List of Schools at the top of the page. Each school uses a variety of instructional programming models to meet the needs of its students.

At every grade level, all students have opportunities to...

- Deepen and enrich their understanding of on-grade-level material;
- Extend and enrich their understanding of above-grade-level materials through Honors, IB, and AP courses;
- Study and explore areas of interest; and
- Collaborate with peers on challenging and rigorous tasks.

All high schools have a variety of instructional and enrichment programs to meet students’ needs. Here are some examples...

- Science, mathematics, writing, and performing and visual arts competitions
- Advanced Placement courses
- Honors courses
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
- Themed Academy and Signature programs
- College partnerships
- Internships
- Career Readiness Programs of Study
Choice Programs for Students Living in the Northeast Consortium

The Northeast Consortium (NEC) is made up of three high schools: James Hubert Blake, Paint Branch, and Springbrook, five middle schools, and their feeder elementary schools. Each high school offers a unique Signature program. Signature programs are instructional programs developed around a central theme that appeal to students’ interests. Grade 8 students who live in the NEC participate in a lottery Choice process for assignment to an NEC high school. Grade 8 students who attend an NEC middle school but live outside the NEC may also participate in the lottery Choice process for assignment to an NEC high school.

For more information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nec/.

James Hubert Blake High School
300 Norwood Road
Silver Spring, MD 20905
240-740-1400
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/blakehs/

Paint Branch High School
14121 Old Columbia Pike
Burtonsville, MD 20866
301-388-9900
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/paintbranchhs/

Springbrook High School
201 Valleybrook Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
240-740-3800
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/springbrookhs/

Grade 8 students who live in or attend an NEC middle school participate in a lottery Choice process for assignment to an NEC high school.

For information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nec/.

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Northeast Consortium students…

• Attend one of three high schools: James Hubert Blake, Paint Branch, or Springbrook.
• Rank their preference of high school through the lottery Choice process.
• Participate in unique Signature programs and academies designed to connect their interests with rigorous academic programs in preparation for college and future careers.

NEC high school Signature programs are as follows:

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* Regional IB Program at Springbrook HS is available to all students who reside in one of the following high school clusters: Magruder, NEC and Sherwood.

Visit the Signature programs link found on each school’s website for more details.

MCPS provides transportation to NEC students who live beyond walking distance of their assigned NEC school, as determined by MCPS. Central stop transportation is provided for Sherwood students who participate in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Springbrook.

I see ME in ALL 3!
Choice Programs for Students Living in the Downcounty Consortium

The Downcounty Consortium (DCC) is made up of five high schools: Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, and Wheaton and nine middle schools and their feeder elementary schools. Each DCC high school offers a variety of academies to provide smaller learning communities and engage students through their interests. Grade 8 students who live in the DCC participate in a lottery Choice process for assignment to a DCC high school. Grade 8 students who attend a DCC middle school but reside outside the DCC are also eligible to participate in the lottery Choice process for assignment to a DCC high school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/.

Montgomery Blair High School
51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring, MD 20901
301-649-2800
www.mbhs.edu

Albert Einstein High School
11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895
240-740-2700
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteinhs/

John F. Kennedy High School
1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902
240-740-0100
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/kennedyhs/

Northwood High School
919 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD 20901
301-649-8088
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwoodhs/

Wheaton High School
12401 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906
301-321-3400
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wheatonhs/

Downcounty Consortium High School Academies

Montgomery Blair:
- Entrepreneurship and Business Management
- Human Service Professions
- International Studies and Law
- Media, Music, and the Arts
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

Albert Einstein:
- Finance, Business Management, and Marketing
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
- Renaissance
- Visual and Performing Arts

John F. Kennedy:
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
- Business Administration and Management Academy
- Broadcast Journalism & Communication
- Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)
- Health Professions
- Teacher Academy of Maryland

Northwood:
- Finance, Accounting, Marketing & Education
- Health Professions
- Humanities, Arts, and Media
- Music, Theatre and Dance
- Politics, Advocacy, and Law
- Teacher Academy of Maryland
- Technology, Environmental, and Systems Sciences
- Montgomery College Middle College (MC²@N)

Wheaton:
- Bioscience
- Engineering
- Global Studies—Art, Music, Drama, and Humanities; Global Studies; World Languages
- Information Technology—Programming and Web Design, Information Resource Design

Visit the Academy programs link found on each school’s website for more details.

MCPS provides transportation to DCC residents who live beyond walking distance of their assigned DCC school, as determined by MCPS.
Did you know that Downcounty Consortium students...

- Attend one of five high schools: Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, or Wheaton?
- Rank their preference of high school through the lottery Choice process?
- Participate in unique academy programs designed to connect their interests with rigorous academic programs in preparation for college and future careers?

Grade 8 students who live in the DCC and interested Grade 8 students who attend a DCC middle school participate in a lottery Choice process for assignment to a DCC high school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/.

I can THRIVE at ALL 5!

Application-only Programs within the Downcounty Consortium

- **Communication Arts Program (CAP)** at Blair HS is available to all students who reside in the DCC and/or attend a DCC middle school.
- **Visual Art Center (VAC)** at Albert Einstein HS is available to all students who reside in Montgomery County.
- **Leadership Training Institute (LTI)** at Kennedy HS is available to students who reside in the DCC and/or attend a DCC middle school.
- **The Engineering and Biomedical Program (PLTW)** at Wheaton HS is available to all students who reside in the DCC and/or attend a DCC middle school.
- **Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet Program** at Blair High School is available to students who reside in one of the following high school clusters: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Churchill, the Downcounty Consortium, the Northeast Consortium, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, Walt Whitman, or Wootton.
- **Regional IB Program** at John F. Kennedy is available to all students who reside in one of the following high school clusters: BCC, Churchill, DCC, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman.

*The application process includes both a writing sample and a writing test.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms.
There are some costs to some parents for Early College programs beginning in Grade 10. Transportation is the responsibility of the student/family.

Grade 10 students residing in the county can apply in the fall of Grade 10 for enrollment beginning in Grade 11. Students can only enter in Grade 11.

At the Montgomery College campus as follows:

- Business, Secondary Math (Teaching), and Science degrees @Rockville Campus;
- Computer Science, and Cybersecurity degrees @Germantown Campus;
- Life Science, and Nursing degrees @Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

Grade 10 students residing in the county can apply in the fall of Grade 10 for enrollment beginning summer before Grade 11. Students can only enter in Grade 10. Transportation is the responsibility of the student/family.

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MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs At-A-Glance

In addition to the various academic programs in the local schools, Grade 8* students who live in Montgomery County may be eligible to apply to MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs (criteria-based/selective and interest based/lottery). For more information, visit the MCPS regional/countywide high school application programs website (below). Application season is expected to open in early October with the expected deadline of November 5, 2021.

Grade 8 Programs At-A-Glance Fall 2021

*Grades 8-11 students may apply to the Visual Art Center.
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Countywide College and Career High Schools

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MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs At-A-Glance

In addition to the various academic programs in the local schools, Grades 9, 10 and 11 students who live in Montgomery County may be eligible to apply to MCPS High School Regional/Countywide Application Programs. These options are for students beginning in 2022-2023. For more information, visit the MCPS regional/countywide high school application programs website (below). Application season is expected to open in early October with a deadline of November 5, 2021. Transportation will be provided from the students home school. Please note that school assignments for part-time programs may be subject to change based on enrollment and staffing.

**Grades 8-11 students may apply to the Visual Art Center.**

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Department of Compliance and Investigations
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240-740-2888
DCI@mcpsmd.org

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Office of the Chief of Districtwide Services and Supports
Student Welfare and Compliance
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 162, Rockville, MD 20850
240-740-3215
SWC@mcpsmd.org

For inquiries or complaints about sex discrimination under Title IX, including sexual harassment, against students or staff*
Title IX Coordinator
Office of the Chief of Districtwide Services and Supports
Student Welfare and Compliance
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 162, Rockville, MD 20850
240-740-3215
TitleIX@mcpsmd.org

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