

BCPS Magnet Programs Centralized Assessments – Dance 2024-2025 Assessment Guidelines

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Eligibility

Applications must be submitted on or before 1 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023. Applications can be accessed from the [BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site \(www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet\)](http://www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet) beginning at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Late applications are not processed.

Applicants must attend and complete the assessment for the program to which they applied. Failure to do so will disqualify the applicant; and admission into the magnet program will be denied.

Applicants may only assess for the program(s) to which they applied. Assessments completed for a program not selected on the application will not be scored.

Documented testing accommodations, as appropriate to the assessment, will be provided. Education plans for students not currently attending a BCPS school must be submitted with the magnet application.

Assessment Scheduling

Assessments must be scheduled through the online application system when the application is submitted.

Failure to attend an assessment WILL result in disqualification.

If there are scheduling conflicts with other magnet assessments, parents must contact the Magnet Programs' office by no later than November 8, 2023.

It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to:

- ensure the applicant attends the assessment on the scheduled date and time.
- ensure the applicant brings the required materials to the assessment.
- contact the schools immediately if an unforeseen illness or emergency occurs.

Unforeseen Illness or Emergency: If the applicant cannot attend or complete the scheduled assessment due to an unforeseen illness or emergency, **please immediately contact BCPS Magnet Programs at (443) 809-4127.** Please be aware that assessments will not be rescheduled without documentation verifying the illness or emergency. Documentation must be provided to the school within 72 hours of the illness or emergency.

Inclement Weather: If school activities are cancelled due to inclement weather, magnet assessments will be postponed. Postponed assessments will occur on the designated inclement weather date. All emergency closing and cancellation information will be posted on the BCPS automated information line, (443) 809-5555. Closings and cancellation announcements may also be made through local media.

Academic Integrity

By taking the BCPS magnet assessments, applicants agree NOT to participate in any of the following activities. Violation of this agreement may result in disqualification:

- Submitting, copying, or attempting to copy another's work, including plagiarizing another's words or ideas
- Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials and/or technology
- Falsifying information in an academic exercise
- Assisting another in academic dishonesty

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Assessment Overview

Magnet Coordinator(s): Magnet@bcps.org (443) 809-4127

Assessment Date(s): **Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 @ 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Applicants must arrive 30 minutes prior to assessment start time

Inclement Weather Date: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024 @ 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Applicants must arrive 30 minutes prior to assessment start time

Inclement Weather Date: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024

Assessments are by appointment only. Assessments must be scheduled by Nov. 8, 2023.

Assessment Duration: 2.5 hours

Assessment Description: Applicants will perform a Movement Experience learned prior to the assessment, as well as a series of Movement Experiences demonstrated by the instructor at the assessment. Applicants will also complete a guided dance Composition exercise and record a video Interview at the assessment.

Students applying to Dance at one, two, or three schools only need to schedule one assessment appointment. The results from that assessment will be applied to each school where Dance was selected on the application.

All Dance assessments will be held at G.W.Carver Center for the Arts & Technology (938 York Rd., Towson 21204).

On-Site Registration

- **Arrival:** Applicants should arrive 30 minutes prior to the appointment time at Carver Center. They should use the parking lot entrance at Kenilworth and register at the gym. Students who arrive after their appointment time will not be admitted into the assessment.
- **Accompaniment Information:** Parents are asked to drop off applicants and return at the conclusion of the assessment. There is very limited parking and seating available for parents.
- **What to Bring (see Preparing for the Assessment below for details):**
 - Suggested attire

Assessment Components & Self Evaluation

Evaluation Component	Point Values
Composition	Up to 20 pts
Interview	Up to 10 pts
Movement Experience	Up to 70 pts
TOTAL	Up to 100 pts

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Preparing for the Assessment

Pre-assessment Workshops

An optional workshop will be held at each school to assist applicants in preparing for the assessment. Applicants may attend one workshop. Each workshop will provide the same assessment information and preparation activities. Please contact the school directly for more information.

G.W. Carver Center for Arts and Technology (938 York Rd., Towson, 21204) Nov. 6, 2023, 5-6:30 p.m.

Milford Mill Academy (3800 Washington Ave., Windsor Mill, 21244) Dec. 1, 2023, 6-7:30 p.m.

Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts (8100 Wise Ave., Dundalk, 21222) Dec. 14, 2023, 6-7:30 p.m.

Applicants will perform a Movement Experience learned prior to the assessment, as well as a series of Movement Experiences demonstrated by the instructor at the assessment. Applicants will also complete a guided dance Composition exercise and record a video Interview at the assessment.

Dance applicants participate in a movement experience to determine the students' potential for success in a Dance Magnet Program. Students are evaluated on their ability to perform given movements, create movement, and demonstrate the aptitude necessary for success in a rigorous Dance Magnet program. Candidates for dance will demonstrate their interest, ability, and talent at the assessment through the following activities. Applicants do not need to come prepared with choreography for the assessment.

Movement Experiences: Applicants will be evaluated for their ability to perform movement sequences. Applicants will be evaluated on their ability to apply corrections/feedback when given by the instructor. Movement sequences will have one or more of the following concentrations:

- Coordination of upper/lower body
 - Rotation/mobility of hip
 - Use of weight, plié, and gravity
 - Alignment and mobility of the spine
 - Head-tail connection in floorwork
 - Ability to propel the center of gravity through space
 - Ability to transfer weight
 - Ability to demonstrate balance/control
 - Ability to elevate/jump
 - Line/extension/range of motion
 - Musicality and rhythmic organization
 - Performance quality/artistic expression
 - Ability to sequence movement through a given combination
- **Experience (Video Instruction)** must be learned prior to the assessment. The choreography for the experience is posted on the BCPS TV Vimeo page: <https://vimeo.com/748066173> (Music - "Wu Sah" by Palms Down: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP1m5SMKZCg>)
 - **Experience (Live Instruction)** will be demonstrated by the instructor at the assessment appointment. Applicants will be evaluated both in center floor as a larger group and traveling across the floor in smaller groups.

Composition: Applicants will be given prompts to use in constructing a composition/improvisation they create on their own and in collaboration with others. Each applicant will be judged on his/her individual ability to answer the task, to demonstrate creative potential, and to project during performance.

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Interview: Applicants will complete a recorded video interview in which they will respond to a series of questions based on their interest and experiences with dance. They will be evaluated on their expression of interest.

Suggested Attire:

On the day of the assessment, applicants should arrive wearing attire that is conducive to movement (e.g., leotard, footless or convertible tights, fitted white t-shirt, black dance pants). Please, no jeans or restrictive clothing. Ballet slippers are the preferred footwear for parts of the assessment and will enhance the candidate's ability to perform certain movements. Ballet slippers will be made available for students who need them on the assessment day. Bare feet will also be required for parts of the movement experience. Hair must be secured away from the neck and face. No loose jewelry (e.g., necklace, bracelet, hoop earrings) is to be worn for the assessment.

Note: *Classes offered in a Dance Magnet Program receive GT credit. Candidates are assessed for ability, demonstrated interest, and potential for success at this level.*