

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Application process for 2024-2025 magnet programs begins at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 12

Application deadline: 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023

TOWSON, MD. – The <u>application process</u> for Baltimore County Public Schools' <u>magnet programs</u> will begin at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 12, with the release of magnet applications for the 2023-2024 school year. A <u>magnet brochure</u> describing program offerings is available online.

BCPS magnet programs are theme-oriented courses of study that provide students with in-depth experiences in specialized areas of interest. BCPS has nearly 120 elementary, middle, and high school magnet programs in 32 schools across the county. While some magnet programs exist within comprehensive schools, there are also schools whose entire population is determined through the magnet application process.

"Our magnet programs offer amazing opportunities for our students to more fully explore their areas of interest and to earn valuable certifications, college credits, and even work experiences," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers (Yarbrough). "We encourage students and families to explore both magnet and career and technical education programs offered throughout the county."

The school system encourages students and their families to attend the annual Magnet EXPO! This year's event will be held from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, at the Delta Hotel Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley 21031. Attendees can see displays and meet representatives from all schools with magnet programs. In addition, families can learn more about special education and English for Speakers of Other Languages programs and see career and technical education exhibits and demonstrations.

Students and families are also invited to attend application information meetings. A westside meeting will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave., Windsor Mill 21244. An eastside meeting will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 27, at Kenwood High School, 501 Stemmers Run Rd., Baltimore 21221.

Students and families seeking additional information about specific programs can view school websites and/or participate in school-based showcase events. A schedule of these <u>magnet showcase events</u> is posted on the magnet programs website.

Applications for magnet programs must be submitted online by 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023.

Admission decisions for elementary and middle school magnet programs will be released on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024. Decisions about high school magnet admissions will be released on Friday, March 8, 2024.

For more information, please visit the BCPS Magnet Programs' website or call 443-809-4127.

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