

# PATAPSCO HIGH SCHOOL & CENTER FOR THE ARTS

8100 Wise Avenue  
Dundalk, MD 21222

## Visual Arts

*The Art department is dedicated to the study, appreciation, and creation of visual art. Students will have opportunities to explore two areas: fine arts and visual communication. A student successfully completing our four-year program will have the skills and knowledge needed to continue the study of art after high school. They will have the experience of working with established persons in the field.*

**BCPS Magnet Transportation Information:** Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts (Southeast Area)

*Transportation is provided at community pick-up points only for students zoned for Southeast or Northeast high schools, as well as those who would otherwise attend Loch Raven High School.*

**Magnet Showcase Event:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 Program starts at 6 p.m.

## 2019-2020 Assessment Guidelines

**Magnet Coordinator:** Trisha Dunn 443-809-7127 PHSCFAmagnet@bcps.org

**Assessment:** December 15, 2018 **ALL assessments by appointment**

**Individual assessment appointments must be scheduled no later than Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Schedule your appointment online at the BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site (<http://www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet>) or call BCPS Magnet Programs at (443) 809-4127 (NOT BOTH).**

All applicants will schedule a two hour assessment and interview at Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts. Students will be reminded of their appointments during the week prior to the assessment. Applicants must attend the school-based assessment for the program to which they applied.

**Assessment Prep Night: November 29, 2018 6 p.m.**

Applicants may choose to come for this optional hour and a half workshop to fine tune their assessment skills. Teachers will be on hand to work with students on technique and repertoire in preparation for the assessments. Make your reservation no later than November 26, 2018, for the Assessment Prep Night by contacting Trisha Dunn, Patapsco Magnet Coordinator, at 443-809-7127 or PHSCFAmagnet@bcps.org.

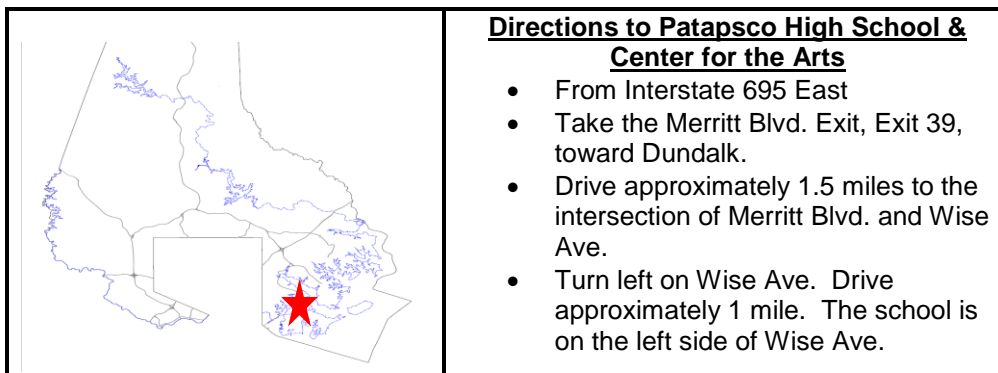
**Unforeseen Illness or Emergency:** Parent(s) must inform the school immediately if the applicant cannot attend or complete the scheduled assessment due to an unforeseen illness or emergency. Please be aware that assessments will not be rescheduled without documentation verifying the illness or emergency.

**Inclement Weather Date:** Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the previously scheduled appointment time.

**Inclement Weather:** In the event that schools are closed due to inclement weather, weeknight magnet assessments will be postponed. Weekend magnet assessments will be postponed if the snow emergency plan is put into effect or Baltimore County. 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.

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## Prior to the Assessment

Students need to assemble or create the required portfolio elements (listed below) prior to coming to the assessment.

Students need to bring all portfolio elements with them on assessment day.

### **Portfolio Review:**

Students will need to prepare a portfolio and research an artist of their choice following the guidelines. Students must bring the complete portfolio with them on assessment day. Middle school art teachers are asked to assist students in preparing portfolios, which students will keep after the assessments. All work must be created by the applicant, use of another artist's work or imagery is unethical and constitutes plagiarism. Contents to be included are:

1. Two Black and White Drawings from Direct Observation (drawn while looking at the object/person/place rather than from a photo or from imagination). Must be in a black and white material such as pencil or charcoal and be 12" X 18" or larger.

Choose 2 of the following:

- a) self-portrait using a mirror
  - b) corner of a room
  - c) 3-5 objects with a background
  - d) a landscape
2. One Color Work from Direct Observation (drawn while looking at the object/person/place rather than from a photo or from imagination). Must be from a color material such as paint, colored pencil, pastels, markers, etc. and be 12" X 18" or larger.
  3. Sketch Book (should include independent work from home as well as class work; drawings from direct observation; work demonstrating experimentation and idea development such as quick sketches, project notes, or creative writings related to art; etc.)
  4. Three-Five Other Works of Art (must be completed within the past two years; should demonstrate good understanding of art concepts or best efforts; may be sculpture, photography, printmaking, digital media, paintings, drawings, etc.; must be from imagination or observation.)

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### Artist Research

Applicants will need to research an artist of their choice prior to the assessment. Applicants should be familiar with the artist's work—kinds of artwork, media used, subjects portrayed, reasons for the artist's choices, applicant's interest in the artist, etc. Applicants will be asked about the artist during the interview and portfolio section of the assessment.

## On the Day of the Assessment

**The assessment takes about 2½ hours.**

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

- ensure that the applicant attends the assessment on the scheduled date and time.
- contact the schools if scheduled magnet assessment appointments conflict.

***Failure to attend an assessment WILL result in disqualification.***

## Registration Information

**Individual assessment appointments must be scheduled no later than Friday, November 21, 2018. Schedule your appointment online at the BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site (<http://www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet>) or call BCPS Magnet Programs at (443) 809-4127 (NOT BOTH).**

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Use the West Entrance at Wise Ave. and Langport Ave. ***Students more than 15 minutes late may not be admitted into the assessment.*** Parents may stay on-site during the assessment. **Students should bring their completed portfolio with them on assessment day.**

**If the applicant cannot attend or complete the scheduled assessment due to an unforeseen illness or emergency, please contact Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts at (443)-809-7127.** Please be aware that assessments will not be rescheduled without documentation verifying the illness or emergency.

## Assessment Description

### Artistic Assessment

All applicants are scheduled for a portfolio and artistic assessment at Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts. All applicants should be on time and prepared to work artistically for two and a half hours in order to complete the assessment process. Please note that assessment works (but not portfolio contents) will be retained by the visual arts department. All needed materials will be supplied. Students will participate in the following activities:

1. Drawing Task—applicants will draw a still life with a black and white medium. See Evaluation Components and Point Values for point breakdown.
2. Design Task—applicants will cut out, manipulate, and glue silhouetted shapes to create a design. See Evaluation Components and Point Values for point breakdown.
3. Portfolio Review and Interview—applicants will display and discuss portfolio contents, as well as communicate information concerning their artist research and personal interests and artistic goals. See Evaluation Components and Point Values for point breakdown.

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### Evaluation Components (100 possible points):

- Drawing Task (Proportion, Value, Mark/Technique, Attention to Detail) - **Up to 20 points**
- Design Task (Unique Solution, Craftsmanship, Elaboration, Design Organization) - **Up to 20 points**
- Assessment Effort (Focus/Use of Time, Direction Following/Appropriate Use of Materials) - **Up to 10 points**
- Interview (Content Discussion, Artist Knowledge, Artistic Goals, Interest in PHSCFA) - **Up to 20 points**
- Portfolio (2 Black and White Observational Drawings, 1 Color Work, Sketchbook, 3-5 Additional Works, Preparedness) - **Up to 30 points**

**Documented accommodations, as appropriate to the assessment, will be provided.**

## Magnet Application Deadline

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

Applications are available from the BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site ([www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet](http://www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet)) beginning at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 17, 2018. Applications must be submitted on or before **Friday, November 16, 2018**. Late applications are not processed.

You are encouraged to **apply online** on the BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site ([www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet](http://www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet)).

- **Online applications** may be submitted until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 16, 2018. To apply online, you will need an active email account.
- **Paper applications** must be postmarked on or before Friday, November 16, 2018.