

# BCPS Magnet Programs

## Centralized Assessments - Literary Arts

### 2021-2022 Assessment Guidelines

*Literary Arts promotes lively exchange of ideas, and nurtures the development of each writer's voice. Students pursue an enriched and sequential set of experiences through a four-year period. Literary Arts students are characterized by their determination to master correct grammatical structures, by their willingness to participate in the critique process, and by their interest in reading as a source of inspiration and of good writing models.*

### **Magnet Application Deadline: November 6, 2020**

Only students who submitted a magnet application by Nov. 6, 2020, are eligible to take magnet assessments. Late applications are not accepted.

### **Assessment Overview**

**Assessment Format:** Timed Submission Deadline

**Submission Timeframe:** **Saturday, February 13, 2021 9am - 5pm**  
**Submissions WILL NOT be accepted after this deadline.**

**Submission Link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSennokcQfmBCD792WBAuqWISyxOOQRdyZ\\_h8IAafJ967v1Wcg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSennokcQfmBCD792WBAuqWISyxOOQRdyZ_h8IAafJ967v1Wcg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**WARNING: Do not submit form until all assessment documents have been uploaded!**

The suggested time for this assessment is 1 hour, however applicants may complete and submit the work any time within the stated time frame.

Applicants will read and respond to two writing prompts to provide a sample of Creative Writing and Informative Writing.

Before submitting, students must agree to the Academic Integrity Statement:

#### **Academic Integrity Statement**

As a BCPS Magnet Programs applicant, I will NOT participate in any of the following activities:

- Submit, copy, or attempt to copy another's work, including plagiarizing another's words or ideas
- Submit work or ideas that were provided, even in part, by another individual
- Use or attempt to use unauthorized materials and/or technology, including cell phones
- Falsify information in an academic exercise
- Assist another in academic dishonesty

I agree to the above statement and understand that a violation of this agreement may result in disqualification.

**Applicants must complete the assessment for the program to which they applied.**

**Applicants may only submit documents for the program to which they applied. Documents submitted for a program to which they did not apply will not be scored.**

**Assessment documents will not be accepted after the submission deadline.**

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**Unforeseen Illness or Emergency:** If the applicant cannot attend or complete the scheduled assessment due to an unforeseen illness, emergency or technical problem, **please immediately contact Magnet Programs Office at (443) 809-4127 or Magnet@bcps.org**. Documentation is required to reschedule an assessment due to unforeseen illness or emergency.

### Assessment Components & Self Evaluation

- It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the student has completed the assessment on time.
- Failure to complete the assessment will disqualify the applicant and admission into the magnet program will be denied.

Evaluation Component	Point Values
Creative Writing	50 pts
Informative Writing	50 pts
<b>TOTAL</b>	100 pts

**Placement Prior to the Lottery:** According to Superintendent's Rule 6400, *at the high school level, where the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available seats, up to 20% of the seats may first be filled with candidates who achieve a minimum of 80% of the admission criteria and who score the highest scores on the magnet assessments. The remaining seats will be filled using the centralized random lottery selection process from the remaining pool of applicants.*

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**Assessment Instructions**

**Prior to the Assessment - This MUST be completed prior to the assessment.**

- Review Study Guide (below) to understand and prepare for the assessment submission.

**By the submission deadline:**

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

- ensure the applicant submits responses by the scheduled date and time.

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

- Students must use the Google Form link (on the first page and below) to respond to a series of questions by the submission deadline. Non-BCPS students will need to establish a Google or Yahoo account in order to access the Google Form. BCPS students will access the Google Form using their BCPS account.
- The Google Form will only accept responses during the stated time. Applicants must complete the Google Form within this timeframe.
- Failure to submit the Google Form by the deadline will result in disqualification.
- Students should plan to submit their work as early as possible to allow time to resolve any technical issues that might arise.
- Responses must be entered during the same session. Responses must be entered before clicking Submit. **Students will only be allowed to submit once.**
- For technical issues or questions, applicants should contact Magnet Programs at [Magnet@bcps.org](mailto:Magnet@bcps.org) or (443) 809-4127.

## **Study Guide**

**Submission Link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSennokcQfmBCD792WBAuqWISyxOOQRdyZ\\_h8IAafJ967v1Wcg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSennokcQfmBCD792WBAuqWISyxOOQRdyZ_h8IAafJ967v1Wcg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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***BCPS is implementing a standardized assessment process for Literary Arts.*** Students applying to this program at one, two or three schools only need to complete one assessment. The results from that assessment will be applied to each school where Literary Arts was selected on the application.

Applicants will demonstrate their talent for the expression of ideas through the written word, their passion for literature, and the ability to work for long periods of time independently by completing each of two writing genres for the assessment—Creative and Informative.

**Writing Assessment:** Writing is evaluated for choice of topic, use of language, maturity of sentence structure, mastery of form, development of topic, original and creative approach. Applicants are encouraged to spend 60 minutes to complete the following:

- **Creative Writing:** Applicants are given an opportunity to demonstrate their talents as creative writers.
- **Informative Writing:** Applicants are given an opportunity to write about their literary influences.