Baltimore County Public Schools

Elementary School Magnet Programs

Apply online at the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet)

Apply Online at
tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet
from 12 noon, September 16, 2019,
until 1 p.m., November 15, 2019.

Application Deadline:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Scan here to apply online or to download an application.

Please keep this brochure as a reference throughout the application cycle.

All applications must be submitted by the above date.
Frequently Asked Questions

What are magnet programs?
Magnet programs are theme-oriented programs that must be accessed through the magnet application process. They provide in-depth experiences and distinct choices for students with different interests, talents, and aptitudes. All magnet programs fulfill Baltimore County Public Schools’ requirements for promotion and graduation.

Who may apply to elementary school magnet programs?
Students who are eligible to attend a Baltimore County public elementary school may apply. Please be aware of the entry grade-level restrictions. (See page 3.)

Students who are homeless are entitled to apply to a magnet program just as any other student.

May I select more than one magnet program on the application?
Yes. Please submit only ONE application per applicant. You may select up to three (3) magnet programs on the application. Mark your selection(s) carefully. Please be aware of the entry grade-level restrictions. (See page 3.)

May I fax or e-mail my application?
No. Applications are to be submitted by 1 p.m. online via the magnet online application system or sent via U.S. mail or an approved carrier, postmarked by November 15, 2019.

How will I know that my application was received?
Online applicants will receive an e-mailed confirmation of receipt. For verification of mailed applications, parents are strongly encouraged to send the application via certified mail – return receipt requested.

What happens if my mailed application is received after the deadline or is not received?
Applications will not be processed without proof of timely submission (i.e., certified mail receipt). This includes applications postmarked or received without a legible postal date stamp after the deadline, November 15, 2019.

May I change my program selection(s)?
ANY changes in program selection(s) MUST be made by 1 p.m. online or by submitting a REVISED paper application postmarked by the application deadline, November 15, 2019.

If I am currently on a wait list for an elementary school magnet program, do I need to re-apply?
All students seeking admission to a magnet program for the 2020–2021 school year, including those on a wait list for the 2019-2020 school year, must apply. Please be aware of the entry grade-level restrictions. (See page 3.)

Do siblings of students in elementary school magnet programs get preferential placement?
Sibling priority placement only applies to kindergarten applicants who have an older sibling who is currently in the same magnet program and who will continue in that magnet program during the year for which the kindergarten applicant is seeking placement. (See page 5 of this brochure for details.) Otherwise, each application is processed independently and siblings, including multiples, applying to the same magnet program(s) do not receive priority placement.

Is there a magnet assessment?
There are no magnet assessments for elementary applicants. Applicants must be eligible to attend a Baltimore County public elementary school at the time of application.

How are students selected for placement?
Available seats are first filled with priority placements. A random lottery is conducted to fill all remaining available seats and to generate a wait list. (See Superintendent’s Rule 6400: Magnet Programs for additional information.)

How and when will I be notified of my admission status?
Parents will be notified by email of the admission decisions. Additionally, magnet decision letters will be mailed by February 6, 2020 (date subject to change).

Application Information

The application for elementary school magnet programs will be available online from the Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet) beginning at 12 noon on September 16, 2019. Applications must be submitted by 1 p.m. online or postmarked by November 15, 2019.

The magnet admissions process is conducted in accordance with Superintendent’s Rule 6400: Magnet Programs. Parents are strongly urged to review Superintendent’s Rule 6400 and all application materials carefully. Prior to submitting an application, parents and students are encouraged to attend the Magnet EXPO and the magnet showcase event for each program of interest.

Applicants eligible to attend a Baltimore County public elementary school for the 2020-2021 school year are selected for placement through the centralized random lottery process.

Applicants who do not meet the kindergarten age-of-entry requirements for the 2020-2021 school year must qualify for early admission. A copy of the letter requesting early admission to kindergarten testing must be attached to the magnet application. (See page 5 of this brochure for additional information.)

Please submit only ONE application per applicant. You may select up to three (3) programs on the application. Please be aware of the entry grade-level restrictions. (See page 3.)

All applications must be submitted by November 15, 2019.
If mailing, certified mail is strongly recommended. Faxed or emailed applications are not processed.

Students have access to Special Education and Section 504 support services in all schools with magnet programs.

Applications may be submitted online until 1:00 p.m. November 15, 2019.
Read the program descriptions below to identify the magnet program(s) that best match your child’s interests.

**International Studies**
- **Wellwood International School**
  - Pikesville 21208
  - Applications accepted for Grades K – 2
- **Woodmoor Elementary School**
  - Gwynn Oak 21207
  - Applications accepted for Grades K – 2

Students develop 21st century skills in a rigorous, inquiry-based program that engages them in their own learning and helps them make sense of the world around them through hands-on experience. Students are engaged through six transdisciplinary themes, spread across the content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, arts and personal, social and physical education. The themes at each level are: **Who We Are, Where We Are In Place and Time, How We Express Ourselves, How the World Works, How We Organize Ourselves, and Sharing the Planet.** Students work to understand their place in the world and engage in action projects based on needs in our local and global communities. Students will become more aware of diverse cultures and will develop global awareness and international mindedness.

**S.T.E.A.M.**
- **Chatsworth School**
  - Reisterstown 21136
  - Applications accepted for Grades K - 2
- **Cromwell Valley Elementary Magnet School**
  - Towson 21286
  - Applications accepted for Grades K - 2

Students develop 21st century skills including communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity in a rigorous program of learning that integrates BCPS’ curriculum, S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics), and computer science. In an engaging, hands-on, project-based environment, students develop a well-rounded understanding of the world through a multi-disciplinary approach focused on innovation and problem solving. As part of the computer science immersions program, students are empowered to become producers of information as they write code and persevere to solve problems.

**Sibling Priority Placement**

(ONLY applies to kindergarten applicants prior to lottery placement for the 2020-2021 school year)

Sibling priority placement is granted to kindergarten applicants who have an older sibling who is currently in the same magnet program and who will continue in that magnet program during the year for which the kindergarten applicant is seeking placement. Sibling priority placements are made before the lottery selection process.

In order to qualify for sibling priority placement for the 2020–2021 school year, a valid application for the kindergarten applicant must be submitted to the BCPS Magnet Programs by the application deadline, **November 15, 2019.** The application must include the older sibling’s name, current grade, and magnet school program.

**See Superintendent’s Rule 6400 for additional information.**
Elementary School Magnet Applications Accepted for these Baltimore County Public Schools
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BCPS Magnet Programs
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
(443) 809-4127
tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet

Magnet EXPO!
Elementary, Middle, and High School Magnet Programs
Saturday, September 28, 2019
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Application information Meeting at 9 a.m.
Sollers Point Technical High School
1901 Delvale Ave.
Dundalk, MD 21222
ESOL and Special Education staff will be at the EXPO to answer questions about the support services available at schools with magnet programs.

Application Information Meetings
Learn about the magnet application process!

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Kenwood High School
501 Stemmers Run Road, 21221
Thursday, October 3, 2019
Milford Mill Academy
3800 Washington Avenue, 21244
Program starts at 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium.
Special Education staff will be on hand to answer questions about the support services available at schools with magnet programs.

Please Note: Information in this brochure is subject to change. Please refer to the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site for the most current information (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet).

2019 Elementary School Magnet Showcase Events

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| Chatsworth School               | Tuesday, October 22, 2019 | Session 1: 10 a.m.  
Session 2: 6 p.m.         |
| Cromwell Valley Elementary Magnet School | Thursday, October 24, 2019 | Session 1: 10 a.m.  
Session 2: 6 p.m.         |
| Wellwood International School   | Tuesday, October 15, 2019  | Session 1: 10 a.m.  
Session 2: 6 p.m.         |
| Woodmoor Elementary School      | Tuesday, October 29, 2019  | Session 1: 10 a.m.  
Session 2: 6 p.m.         |

Magnet Office staff will be available at Magnet Showcase Events to answer questions about the magnet application process. If you are unable to attend a magnet showcase event, please contact the school for information about its magnet program.

You may also obtain program information by visiting the Magnet Programs Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet) or by calling the BCPS Magnet Programs at (443) 809-4127.

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Magnet Transportation Information

Admission into a magnet program does not guarantee that transportation will be provided by Baltimore County Public Schools.

Step 3

Read the information below to determine your child’s eligibility for transportation to a particular magnet program.

Chatsworth School
222 New Avenue
Reisterstown 21136 • (410) 887-1103
Transportation is provided for students who are zoned to attend Cedarmere, Franklin, Glyndon, Owings Mills, Reisterstown, or Timber Grove Elementary Schools.

Cromwell Valley Elementary Magnet School
825 Providence Road
Towson 21286 • (410) 887-4888
Transportation is provided for students who are zoned to attend Halstead Academy, Hampton, Oakleigh, Pleasant Plains, Rodgers Forge, Stoneleigh, Villa Cresta, or West Towson Elementary Schools.

Wellwood International School
2901 Smith Avenue
Pikesville 21208 • (410) 887-1212
Transportation is provided for students who are zoned to attend Bedford, Fort Garrison, Milbrook, Summit Park, Wellwood, or Winand Elementary Schools.

Woodmoor Elementary School
3200 Elba Drive
Gwynn Oak, 21207 • (410) 887-1320
Transportation is provided for students who are zoned to attend Arbutus, Baltimore Highlands, Bedford, Catonsville, Chadwick, Church Lane, Deer Park, Dogwood, Edmondson Heights, Featherbed Lane, Halethorpe, Hebbville, Hernwood, Hillcrest, Johnnycake, Lansdowne, Lyons Mill, Milbrook, New Town, Powhatan, Randallstown, Relay, Riverview, Scotts Branch, Westchester, Westowne, Winand, Winfield, Woodbridge, Woodmoor or Woodholme elementary schools.

Baltimore County Schools Hosting Elementary School Magnet Programs

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TRANSPORTATION

Baltimore County Public Schools provides transportation to and from elementary school magnet programs for students who reside within the established transportation zone of the magnet program. Some transportation is arranged as shuttle service from the home school location. This may require students to ride the regular neighborhood bus or to walk to the home school, where they are picked up and transported to the magnet program.

Schools will notify parents of specific transportation provisions prior to the opening of school. Transportation is not provided by Baltimore County Public Schools outside of the established transportation zone of a magnet program.
**Early Admission to Kindergarten Testing**

At the time of application, kindergarten applicants must meet the Maryland State Age-of-Entry requirements for the 2020–2021 school year (Age 5 by September 1, 2020) or they must have applied to their zoned elementary schools for early admission to kindergarten testing.

A child may only be considered for early admission to kindergarten testing for the 2020–2021 school year if he/she will be age 5 after September 1, 2020, and on or before October 14, 2020.

To arrange for early admission to kindergarten testing, parents must submit a letter to the principal of their child’s zoned elementary school by November 15, 2019. The letter should include the child’s full name and birth date, provide contact information for the parent, request a testing appointment in January 2021, and state that the parent is also applying to an elementary school magnet program. (See sample at right.)

Parents MUST include a copy of the letter requesting early admission to kindergarten testing with their magnet application.

See Early Childhood Parent Guidelines for applying for early admission to kindergarten.

(https://dci.bcps.org/department/academics/english_language_arts_pre_k-12/early_childhood/kindergarten)

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