



Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) accept online magnet program applications from students currently in grades 5 and 8, to enter a Magnet Program in the fall of the following school year. Each of our Magnet Programs have a list of eligibility requirements. If you would like information about the Magnet Programs and the program eligibility requirements, please visit the Magnet Program's website listed below. Information sessions for each magnet program will be held virtually in the Fall. More details can be found by visiting www.aacps.org/magnet. AACPS Magnet Programs include:

- STEM Biomedical Allied Health (BMAH) www.aacps.org/STEM
- International Baccalaureate (MYP, CP or DP) www.aacps.org/IB
- Apex Arts (formerly PVA) www.aacps.org/ApexArts
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) www.aacps.org/STEM
- Centers for Applied Technology (CAT) www.catnorth.org, www.catsouth.org

WHO? Students in grades 5 and 8 who live in Anne Arundel County and who meet eligibility criteria can apply. Some programs *do* accept applications from students in grades 6, 9, and 10. Please visit program websites listed above for details. To see if your child meets the magnet program requirements, including those for World Language, please review the Magnet Brochure (www.aacps.org/magnet).

WHAT? Magnet programs engage students in coursework and activities related to the Magnet theme. Some after school, summer and/or weekend activities may be required.

WHY? Magnet programs are held in designated schools to provide an environment where students with similar interests can learn and grow together.

WHEN? Applications are completed online between October and November. See the Magnet website for the specific dates. CAT Programs have an extended application window –contact the CAT centers directly for more information.

HOW? Go to https://magnet.aacps.org/webapps/aacps_magnet/Login.aspx to complete the online application. Logging in to the application system will require the Student ID Number and the password your student uses to access computers at school. School Counselors can assist students and families with the Magnet application process. **An unweighted, randomized lottery will be held by a third party if there are more eligible applications than seats available.**

WHERE? If you are offered a seat in a Magnet program, you will attend that Magnet school instead of your home school. Magnet school assignments are determined by the zoned middle school based on your address. Please see the online resources for further details.

For transportation questions, please visit www.aacps.org/transportation or call 410-923-7890.

Sincerely,

The AACPS Magnet Office

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