

Anne Arundel County Magnet Programs

Magnet Programs are key component of Anne Arundel County's vision for Programs of Choice to offer all students and families a choice in their education. "This is not just a plan to put a few more programs in our schools," former Superintendent Dr. Maxwell told the Board of Education. "It is the first major step in our secondary school reform, and it will forever change the landscape of our high school and middle school instructional programs."

What is a Magnet Program?

- ❖ An educational program with a specialized course of study or an emphasis on instruction that is different from the traditional curriculum offered in Anne Arundel County.
- ❖ Students attend their Magnet school in place of their home school (exception: CAT students attend one of the centers as a part of their regular school day).
- ❖ Students must reside in Anne Arundel County, complete an application, and be determined eligible for a Magnet Program.
- ❖ Transportation is provided from consolidated bus stops. It is the family's responsibility to provide transportation from the home to the bus stop.

What do Magnet Programs offer?

- ❖ Rigorous, student-centered environments that give students the chance to learn with others who are passionate about the same topics
- ❖ Environments in which students can apply theory and knowledge towards skills proficiency with hands-on, real world experiences
- ❖ Interdisciplinary approaches to the curriculum that promote critical thinking and effective communication.

What do Magnet Programs offer to prepare students for future success?

- ❖ The opportunity to follow and engage with professionals from their field of study
- ❖ Necessary career skills such as resume writing, interviewing, and professional ethics specific to the field of the program
- ❖ College visits, job shadows and internship opportunities that help students decide their next steps after graduation



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