



September 3, 2021

Dear Potential Magnet Student and Family,

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 2022. 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 this Fall. More details can be found by visiting [www.aacps.org/magnet](http://www.aacps.org/magnet). AACPS Magnet Programs include:

- STEM Biomedical Allied Health (BMAH) [www.aacps.org/STEM](http://www.aacps.org/STEM)
- International Baccalaureate (MYP, CP or DP) [www.aacps.org/IB](http://www.aacps.org/IB)
- Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) [www.aacps.org/PVA](http://www.aacps.org/PVA)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) [www.aacps.org/STEM](http://www.aacps.org/STEM)
- Centers for Applied Technology (CAT) [www.catnorth.org](http://www.catnorth.org), [www.catsouth.org](http://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](http://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 noon on October 11, 2021 and November 22, 2021. CAT Programs have an extended application window –contact the CAT centers directly for more information. **An unweighted, randomized lottery will be held by a third party if there are more eligible applications than seats available.**

**HOW?** Go to [https://magnet.aacps.org/webapps/aacps\\_magnet/Login.aspx](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.

**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](http://www.aacps.org/transportation) or call 410-923-7890.

Sincerely,

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