



PVA (Performing and Visual Arts)

Grades	Magnet Schools	Contacts	Website	
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Who should apply?

Current Grade 5 and 6 students interested in music, dance, theatre, creative writing, and art.

Program Overview

The PVA Middle School Magnet program offers an arts-infused curriculum for students interested in achieving their maximum potential as an artist. This program is designed to engage students in focused arts instruction (also called Prime Arts areas) with qualified teachers and professional artists to foster creative inquiry, artistic excellence and community engagement.

Prime Arts Areas

Students are able to focus their study in one of the Prime Arts areas:

- Creative Writing and Drama
- Dance
- Visual Arts
- Instrumental Music
- Vocal Music

World & Classical Language Offerings

The PVA Middle School curriculum offers:

Bates:	Brooklyn Park:
• Italian 1A	• French 1A
• Italian 1B	• French 1B
• Italian 2 Hybrid	• French 2 Hybrid

Program Entrance after 6th Grade

Applications for 7th grade entrance will be accepted, depending on seat availability. See the PVA website for more information.

If your geographic school is...

Annapolis • Bates • Central • Crofton • Magothy • Severn River • Severna Park • Southern

Arundel • Brooklyn Park • Chesapeake Bay • Corkran • George Fox • Lindale
MacArthur • Marley • Meade • Old Mill Middle North • Old Mill Middle South

Your Magnet school is...

Bates Middle

Brooklyn Park Middle

Auditions

Applicants will be assigned an audition appointment once they have passed the academic screening. Auditions may include:

- prime-specific portfolio of student work.
- prepared selection for performance.
- on-site performance or prompt determined by each Prime Arts Area.
- an interview.

Specific audition requirements for Primes are available on the PVA website (www.aacps.org/PVA).

Audition Workshops

Students are encouraged to attend audition workshops. Faculty members will introduce potential candidates to the audition process, answer questions, and offer feedback on student work (available **only** to students attending the audition workshop).

For the dates of Audition Workshops and Auditions, refer to the PVA website.

PVA-Specific Requirements of Eligibility

To be eligible to apply to the program in the fall, applicants are required to:

- meet the academic requirements on page 9. Students who are not academically eligible may not audition without being granted an appeal.
- pass an audition.
- agree to all the general requirements on page 12.

Remaining in the PVA program

To remain in the program, PVA students must maintain **all** of the following requirements in Grade 5 **and** while enrolled in the PVA Magnet:

- a B average or above in all subject areas, with two Cs allowable per marking period with no Ds or Es
- a B or higher in Magnet classes
- appropriate attendance and behavior

In addition, PVA students are required to participate in following opportunities:

- Extended Day classes (Prime-related weekly after-school classes)
- a 3-day summer program
- four Professional Arts Experiences per year (evenings and weekends) as a patron of the arts

Important Note

Acceptance and participation in a middle school Magnet program does not guarantee placement in the corresponding high school Magnet program. All middle school students (magnet students included) must apply in grade 8 if they wish to be eligible for the high school magnet.

Middle school students who plan to apply to a magnet for high school should take a middle school World Language which is also offered in the magnet high school in which they are interested.