

Anne Arundel County Public Schools | Charter & Contract Schools

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Public charter and contract schools developed within AACPS represent a choice for parents and the community to provide innovative learning opportunities for students. These schools strive for high academic standards and are accountable for student performance outcomes. Further, the AACPS Office of Charter and Contract Schools is committed to providing an authorizing environment that is committed to accountability and autonomy, while supporting these schools to produce positive outcomes for students and families of Anne Arundel County.

Charter Schools became a reality within AACPS back in 2005 with the opening of the Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School (CSP) and then again in 2009 with the opening of The Monarch Academy Public Charter School. Additionally, AACPS expanded its portfolio of choice options by approving the county's first public contract school, Monarch Global Academy, which opened in the fall of 2014. A second contract school, Monarch Annapolis, opened in the fall of 2017.

Currently, AACPS has two charter schools and two contract schools in operation, serving close to 2,600 students in grades K-12.

The AACPS Charter and Contract School's Office falls under the school system's Alternative Education Division. This arrangement follows the AACPS belief that charter and contract school options provide an alternative pathway for many families in the county.

Our philosophy is that there is not a "one size fits all" approach to education, resulting in a portfolio of alternative educational options for our families.

In order to guide our charter and contract school work, we have become aligned with the National Association of Charter School Authorizer's (NACSA), Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing. Aligning our work with these principals and standards, help ensure that we are creating an effective authorizing environment, conducive to high quality charter schools.



Monarch Academy

Monarch Academy
Annapolis Campus
Grades Served K-5

Monarch Annapolis serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade in the Annapolis feeder area. Monarch Academy Annapolis blends Transformation Education with Arts Integration and the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. Monarch Academy Annapolis is guided by the belief that the school culture is integral to creating a sense of caring, commitment and critical thinking in our students. Monarch Academy Annapolis utilizes these proven methods and tailors them to the uniqueness of the Annapolis community, one rich in diversity and cultural heritage.

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Monarch Academy

Monarch Global Academy
Laurel Campus
Grades Served: K-8

The mission of Monarch Global Academy Public Contract School is to prepare students in grades K-8 for world citizenship by harnessing a student's natural curiosity, developing their critical thinking skills and capacity to utilize a cross discipline approach to creative problem solving, and a commitment to service in an interconnected, dynamic, global economy. This will be accomplished through a unique collaboration of two proven models for excellence, the *International Baccalaureate (IB)*, *Primary Years Program (PYP)* and the *Transformation Education (TranZed)* child-serving organization.

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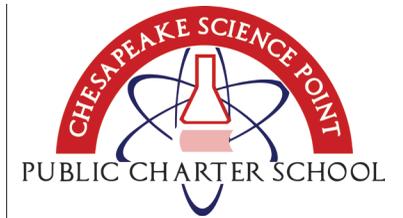
Monarch Academy
Glen Burnie Campus
Grades Served: K-8

Monarch Academy Public Charter School aims to educate students in grades K-8 to be self-motivated, creative, critical thinkers and life-long learners who are productive contributors to the global community in the 21st century. At Monarch Academy, children are encouraged to think critically; question; reflect; and participate in a rigorous, highly interactive instructional program that integrates arts and technology across the curriculum.

Monarch Academy is a unique collaboration of two innovative, proven models for excellence: the *Transformation Education (TranZed)* child-serving organization model and the *Expeditionary Learning* model.

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Chesapeake Science Point
Hanover
Grades Served: 6-12

Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School in partnership with students, parents and the community will attain educational excellence by providing a rigorous and quality education for middle and high school students with a special focus on science, math and technology while preparing them to excel in an increasingly technological and global society.

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