Interested in applying to a Magnet Program?
Here is how the process works…

1. Learn More About Our Magnet Programs
   - Attend Magnet Information Nights
   - Review the Information Online
   - Contact the Magnet Office

2. Submit the Online Application
   - and complete a Challenge Interview/Audition
   
   Online application goes live in October!

3. We Review All Applications for Eligibility

4. We May Conduct a Lottery
   - for all eligible students for each program.
   - If there are more applicants than available seats in a program, the Magnet Office may use a random lottery to fill the seats in the Magnet Programs. Students not selected for the program through this lottery will be placed on a waitlist.

5. Accept Your Seat
   - in a program or on a wait-list.

6. Enroll in Your Program
   - Registration is in the Spring.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Programs of Choice

www.aacps.org/magnet
410-222-5435

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For more information, contact: Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Division of Human Resources, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. 410-222-5286 TDD 410-222-5000.

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Who can attend a Magnet Program?

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Where do Magnet students attend school?

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Magnet Programs

What is a Magnet Program?
An educational Program of Choice with a specialized course of study or an emphasis on instruction that is different from the traditional curriculum offered in Anne Arundel County (for example, engineering, the arts, or healthcare).

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 curriculum that promote critical thinking and effective communication.

How do Magnet Programs prepare students for future success?
Magnet Programs offer students:
- The opportunity to follow and engage with professionals from their fields.
- Necessary career skill development, such as resume writing, interviewing, and professional ethics specific to the field of the program.
- College visits, job shadows, internship opportunities, or field experience that help students decide their next steps after graduation.

How can parents prepare their child to succeed in a Magnet Program?
- Encourage your child before grade 5 or 8 to create good study habits; set aside a quiet area for study.
- Talk to your school counselor about Programs of Choice and your child's involvement.
- Ask the teachers about your child's aptitude, interest, and/or aspirations to support school decisions/Magnet considerations.

How can teachers encourage students to apply for and succeed in a Magnet Program?
- Look for signs of interest in Science and math (BMAH, STEM, and IB).
- Look for artistic ability in music, art, writing, and theater (PVA/IB).
- Collaborate with other content teachers and the school counselor on behalf of the students' aptitudes, interests, and aspirations to maximize student/family considerations of Magnet Programs.
- Offer to support parents with the Magnet application process for their child.

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