



STEM/BMAH Internship



The STEM/BMAH internship opportunity prepares our STEM/BMAH students for their future through site-based experiences in STEM/BMAH-related industry, government, and community- professional settings. Through partnerships with businesses, local colleges and universities, and STEM/BMAH professionals, students in the STEM/BMAH Magnet Program will explore STEM/BMAH careers, collaborate and innovate in project-based learning courses, and participate in a significant STEM/BMAH internship prior to graduation.

Internships are an important element of the career development process and are expected to expanded your knowledge of yourself and provide you with insight to the career fields that interest you. You will also gain marketable skills related to the field and make important contacts. Internships allow you to apply your classroom knowledge in the workplace. You can find out what you like (or don't like) about various types of jobs while determining the best fit for your career preference and interests.

Students explore and apply for internship opportunities through the AACPS internship portal. The majority of the internships are unpaid.

The STEM/BMAH internship format is designed to allow students to:

- Participate in the daily work of professionals in their workplace
- Engage in collaborative project work alongside mentors and their colleagues
- Experience the full spectrum of expectations, job skills, and opportunities related to success in the workplace
- Evaluate and reflect on the work of a professional through active, daily on-the-job personnel workplace exchanges

The following is required via student effort to earn a satisfactory grade and 1 internship credit*

- A minimum of 135 hours participating in the internship
- Daily activity logs
- Completed reflection questions
- Final project/product
- Final summary

*Note: Mentor(s) evaluations are also taken into account.

The AACPS STEM/BMAH magnet program requires that all STEM/BMAH students participate in at least one 135 hour STEM/BMAH internship during their senior year beginning in the summer prior to the start of their senior year.