Magnet Program Agreement

The AACPS Division of Advanced Studies and Programs provides innovative educational programs for students to explore their interests, talents, and abilities in a highly specialized and rigorous instructional setting. Magnet Program offerings:

APEX ARTS – Apex Arts
BMAH – Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) Biomedical
IB – International Baccalaureate (MYP/CP/DP)
STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

* Acceptance and participation in a middle school Magnet Program does not guarantee placement in a high school Magnet Program. All students in grade 8 have to apply for Magnet Programs beginning in Grade 9.

LOTTERY RESULTS
An unweighted lottery provided these results. I understand that if I accept this seat, all other Magnet, Charter, or Virtual Academy seat offers (not waitlist offers) will be declined. Any waitlists for Magnet Programs will be automatically accepted and will be active until September.

COMMITMENT
A student accepting a seat in an AACPS Magnet Program is expected to participate in learning experiences that may extend beyond the school day, school week, and/or school year. Advanced notice will be provided to ensure that your student can appropriately plan for any such circumstances.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
A student accepting a seat in an AACPS middle school Magnet Program is expected to remain in the program until the completion of 8th Grade.

HIGH SCHOOL
A student accepting a seat in an AACPS High School Magnet Program is expected to remain in the program until graduation. The student is also expected to be enrolled in a full-school-day schedule for all four years.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY EXPECTATIONS: ACADEMIC AND CITIZENSHIP EXPECTATIONS
A student must meet the following academic requirements to remain in an AACPS Magnet Program. Failure to meet these standards will be supported through a Student Success Plan at the school level. If performance does not improve through that Student Success Plan, students will be placed on a probationary status. If the probationary status does not lead to improvement, students will be asked to exit the program.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
As, Bs, and Cs each quarter through all three years of middle school. (Apex students must maintain a B or higher in Prime classes.)
HIGH SCHOOL
2.5 GPA each quarter through all four years of high school. (Apex Arts students must maintain a B or higher in Prime classes.) (IB DP students should contact their school’s IB Coordinator for further details about academic requirements for students entering DP.)

CITIZENSHIP
A Magnet student must adhere to all behavioral and attendance expectations outlined in the AACPS Student Handbook published annually and distributed by the school system. Additionally, as a member of the Magnet Family, your student is always expected to treat classmates with respect in all venues including classrooms, virtual meeting platforms, group events outside of the school building, and in group sessions outside of class time.

INTERVENTIONS/PROGRAM EXIT
A student who does not fulfill the requirements or fails to meet academic and citizenship expectations of the Magnet Program will be entered into the Student Success Protocol. Details of the Success Protocol are available from your program Department Chairperson. The Success Protocol may be instituted to support academic standing or appropriate engagement/citizenship. If a student is placed on academic probation as part of the Success Protocol for two consecutive marking periods without showing improvement, that student will be in danger of being exited from the Magnet Program at the end of the semester or academic year.

Parent or student-initiated requests to exit a Magnet Program may be considered at the conclusion of the school year but are not guaranteed. Exit requests must be submitted in writing to the school- based Magnet Department Chairperson between May 15th and June 15th. Exit requests for medical reasons may be considered prior to the end of the school year with documentation from a doctor or other provider.

RESIDENCY & SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT
Magnet Programs are available only to a student who has at least one (1) legal guardian residing in Anne Arundel County. Verification of residency is required. If a current Magnet student no longer has at least one parent or guardian that resides in Anne Arundel County, the student must be exited from the Magnet Program and enrolled in their home school.

Magnet school assignments are determined geographically based on the student’s home middle school. A student is not eligible to select an alternate school assignment within any Magnet Program. If a Magnet student moves to a residence within Anne Arundel County that is zoned outside of the current Magnet school assignment, that student will be reassigned to the location of the Magnet Program as determined by the new home middle school.

TRANSPORTATION
Transportation will be provided at consolidated community bus stops (hubs), based on enrollment and bus/driver availability. Hubs are not usually located within ordinary walking distances; families are responsible for getting students to the hub. The Transportation Office typically publishes routes in August at www.aacps.org. When possible, hubs are located at neighborhood schools or libraries in the community. Route lengths vary depending on distance and traffic. Apex + consolidated bus stops may be at different locations than the regular bus route. Weather that has an impact on specialized Magnet bus routes will be addressed
specifically by the Transportation Office for changes in departure or arrival time.

Technology User Agreement

This school year, AACPS will be using a variety of online resources and software applications to meet the needs of individualized curricular programs. In some cases, these resources may require your student to provide personal information directly to vendors as part of the online registration process. This information may include, but is not limited to, name, personal email addresses, home addresses, grade, school, etc.

For curricular programs that include industry training instructional resources and/or certification programs, students may be required to provide personal communication information to AACPS-approved vendors to ensure that access can be maintained after your student leaves AACPS. Some training and certification programs are required to maintain information about your student in perpetuity as this information is part of your student’s professional transcript.

Some online resources and software applications have minimum age of user requirements as outlined in each individual vendor’s terms of service and privacy policies. In the instances where your student does not meet these minimum age requirements, AACPS has obtained a waiver from the vendor authorizing AACPS students to use their products.

Web Resources Guidelines for Students:

1. Students will follow all the rules for using computers and staying safe on the Internet. Students will adhere to AACPS Acceptable Use Policy found in the Student Handbook- see the Technology Resource Use by Students section.

2. Students understand that any digital resource used for school is first and foremost a tool for learning and an extension of the classroom. All participation on a class-assigned website will be school appropriate in content and format.

3. Students are expected to protect their identity and understand that they have a responsibility to ensure that they also protect the identity of other class members by not disclosing or causing the disclosure of personal information whether with or without their consent.

4. Students agree to protect their username and password by never sharing this information or those of classmates.

5. Students who do not abide by these guidelines may lose their opportunity to take part in the use of online resources and software applications required for the course and or program.

6. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in disciplinary actions consistent with the AACPS Code of Student Conduct.

I have read and agree to all terms/conditions of the Magnet Program Commitment and assert my agreement with the terms by signing below.
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:________________________________________