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Academic Entrance Criteria

Baltimore City Public Schools
Middle and High School Choice
Middle and high school choice

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE

- 5th grade students who attend elementary-only (K-5) schools must participate in the choice process to determine which middle school they will attend.

- 5th grade students who attend elementary/middle (K-8) schools have the option of remaining in their current school or participating in the choice process for a new school placement.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE

- All 8th graders participate in the choice process that determines which high school they will attend.

- 8th graders must complete a City Schools choice application. If your current (6-12) school offers 9th grade, you will automatically be accepted into your school if you list it as your first choice, or if you list it as one of your five choices and are not accepted elsewhere.

Over the last three years, students have consistently been placed in their first or second choices 65-75% of the time.
Agenda

• Composite Scores/Entrance Criteria
• Academic Programs
• Know Your Student/School Fit
• Choice Process and Timeline
Composite Scores/Entrance Criteria
What goes into the composite score for SY21-22?

1st quarter course grades from Fall 2021

Final course grades for 2019 or 2020 (whichever is higher)

MCAP math and reading percentiles from Fall 2021

Attendance is NOT a part of composite scores this year.
Composite score formulas for SY21-22

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED ACADEMICS FORMULA

Fall 2021 MCAP math score x 0.5
+ Fall 2021 MCAP reading score x 0.5
+ Overall course grade average from 2019 or 2020 (whichever is higher) plus 1st quarter of current school year x 3

Advanced Academics requires a minimum composite score of 355 to be eligible for admission.

BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE, BALTIMORE POLY-TECHNIC INSTITUTE, PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR & WESTERN FORMULA

Fall 2021 MCAP math score
+ Fall 2021 MCAP reading score
+ Overall course grade average x 6

There is no longer a minimum composite score required for admission to City, Poly, Western, and Dunbar. Entrance criteria still apply to these schools, and students will be admitted in composite score rank order until all open spots are filled.
School | Applications | Admitted students | Seats
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Baltimore Polytechnic Institute | 1734 | 450 | 450
Baltimore City College | 1610 | 450 | 450
Mergenthaler | 1254 | 500 | 500
Paul Laurence Dunbar | 876 | 250 | 250
BARD High School Early College | 869 | 82 | 150
Western | 708 | 375 | 375
Carver | 485 | 350 | 350
NAF | 441 | 48 | 150
Edmondson-Westside | 419 | 250 | 250
P-TECH @ Dunbar | 388 | 29 | 50
Scenario: grade-level v. honors classes

Jacobi is an 8th grade student taking grade-level classes. Last year, he earned 85s in all of his core subjects (language arts, math, social studies, science), and this year he earned all 90s on his first quarter report card.

Composite score for Jacobi: 716

Joshua is an 8th grade student taking honors classes. Last year he also took all honors classes and earned 85s in all of his core subjects (language arts, math, social sciences, science), and this year he earned all 90s on his first quarter report card.

Composite score for Joshua: 767.6

Grades earned in Advanced Academic, Ingenuity, and Honors courses receive a 10% weight when composite scores are calculated.
Academic Programs
# Middle grades choice options – north side of Baltimore

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Advanced Academics, Honors, and Ingenuity
**Advanced Academics, Honors, and Ingenuity**

**Honors classes** offer students an opportunity to learn more challenging material at a faster pace. Many schools offer a selection of Honors classes to middle school students. **Advanced Academics** is an all-Honors program of core classes (language arts, math, science, and social studies).

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High schools that require a composite score

- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly)
- Baltimore City College (City)
- Paul Laurence Dunbar High School (Dunbar)
- Western High School (Female only)
Some schools with additional admissions requirements

**Baltimore School for the Arts**

- Audition required. Students can audition in film, visual arts, instrumental music, dance, theater, and stage design and production. **Auditions are held in January each year.**
- Last year, applications were due by November 20. Check the school’s website for this year’s application and deadline.
- Open house sessions from last year are available on the BSA website.

**Bard**

- List on City Schools choice application.
- Participation in an open house/info session, typically offered monthly beginning in October, is the first step of the application process. Check the Bard website for dates.
- Complete writing assessment after open house.
- Schedule one-on-one interview after writing assessment is submitted.

**Academy Foundation**

- List on City Schools choice application.
- Serves grades 6-12.
- Interview required for HS applicants. Contact the school to schedule an interview.

**Baltimore Design School (BDS)**

- Submit the BDS application (available on the school’s website).
- Middle school applicants must attend an interest survey day. High school applicants must submit a portfolio and attend a portfolio review.
- Prospective students can attend a portfolio development workshop to consult with current BDS faculty. Check the school’s website for dates beginning in October.
Ingenuity Project: what it’s all about

Middle and High School locations

- Hamilton Elementary/Middle School
- James McHenry Elementary/Middle School
- Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School
- Roland Park Elementary/Middle School
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

- Small classes with a student to teacher ratio of 16:1.
- Experiential and rigorous science and engineering curriculum
- Singapore math program, an internationally recognized curriculum, and deep mastery of high school Algebra by the end of 8th grade.
- Students are expected to maintain an 80% average to stay enrolled in the program.
- Groups of highly motivated and engaged peers.
- Preparation for regional math and science competitions.
How to apply for the Ingenuity Project

1. Online applications available **November 1, 2021**.

2. Apply online, by mail or hand deliver application. The application deadline for this year is **December 22, 2021**.
   - *High school applicants must also list Poly in the #1 spot on their City Schools choice application.*
   - To participate in Ingenuity, high school students must also be accepted to Poly.

3. Algebra test for high school admissions: **January 29, 2022**.

4. Wait to find out if your child has been accepted and offered a placement. Notifications will be mailed to the address on file at your current school sometime in **March 2022**.

5. Accept your child’s Ingenuity placement.
   - Ingenuity ranks applicants based on Ingenuity composite scores, and location preferences are honored based on rank.
1. Go to the Ingenuity website

2. Click on ‘Middle School Application’ or ‘High School Application’
Please indicate your Ingenuity school preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choice) by checking the boxes that precede each school's name. If only one school choice is indicated and that school is filled, no offer will be given. Ingenuity programs are citywide; applicants do not have to live in the school's zone to apply. (See Admissions Policy for more information.) *

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5th grade applicants will need to rank their school choices for the middle school Ingenuity program.
Ingenuity Composite Score

Ingenuity calculates a composite score for each applicant that is different from the City Schools composite score. Ingenuity’s composite score includes:

• iReady scores from Fall 2021

• Prior year Math and English Language Arts report card grades (4th or 7th grade)

• Results on the Ingenuity-administered Algebra I exams for high school applicants only

Students are offered seats according to rank. There is no minimum Ingenuity composite score that determines placement from year to year. However, students admitted last year typically score Level 4 or 5 on the MCAP assessments and maintain A and B averages in school.
Career & Technical Education (CTE)
Career & Technical Education (CTE) – programs offered

✓ Arts, Media & Communication
✓ Business, Management & Finance
✓ Career Research & Development
✓ Construction & Development
✓ Consumer Services, Hospitality & Tourism
✓ Environmental, Agriculture and Natural Resources
✓ Gateway to Technology (middle school)
✓ Health and Biosciences
✓ Human Resource Services
✓ Information Technology
✓ Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology
✓ Transportation Technologies

• Sometimes called a ‘trade’ or ‘major’, it gives students exposure to a career field.
• Most of these are three-year programs that begin in 10th grade.
• Some students in CTE classes have access to work-based learning opportunities such as job shadowing, mentoring from industry professionals, or internships.
• CTE students can graduate from high school with industry certification.

Go to: https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/schools
Search for programs at different schools—over 15 schools with CTE programs available.
Students at the following schools have the opportunity to participate in a challenging pre-engineering Project Lead the Way program called Gateway to Technology. The program is divided into units that focus on design, modeling, and robotics.

Barclay Elementary/Middle School
Cross Country Elementary/Middle School
Curtis Bay Elementary/Middle School
Glenmount Elementary/Middle School
Hazelwood Elementary/Middle School
Lakeland Elementary/Middle School
Roland Park Elementary/Middle School
The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School
Why P-TECH?

- Addresses post-secondary degree completion
- Prepares graduates with the workplace skills required by employers
- Designed for students who are first in their families to attend college
- Designed to motivate and enable more students to earn a college degree
- Aids transitions between high school, college and the professional world
- Students commit to a six-year program, earning their high school diploma and a tuition-free Associates degree

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Interested students should **apply** to P-TECH programs on the City Schools choice application.

Prospective P-TECH students will also need to **interview** with the coordinator for the program they are applying to.

Coordinators typically reach out to applicants to schedule interviews during the last week of January and first week of February.

Carver is home to two information technology career pathways:
- Cyber-security
- Computer information systems

Dunbar hosts three health career pathways:
- Nursing
- Respiratory care
- Physical therapy

New Era has a transportation and logistics pathway:
- Seagoing
Applying to charter schools

What is a charter school?

Charter schools are City Schools that are independently operated.

For instance, they may lease or purchase their own building, manage their own admissions process, or take a different approach to instruction.

- Find more information on each school’s website.
- Each school has its own application (online or hard copy).
- Research admissions processes and procedures.
- Most applications will be due in February.
- Most DO NOT go on the City Schools choice form.
  - Two charter schools DO use the City Schools choice application: ConneXions and Independence Local School I.
- May hold a lottery from applicants to determine admission.
what's most important to you when choosing a school?
Know Your Student/
School Fit
Knowing your student

Ask yourself these questions about your student. The answers will help you get a clearer idea of the schools that may be right for him/her.

• What school subjects does s/he like best?
• What are his/her talents and abilities?
• What clubs, activities, and sports does s/he like?
• What careers is s/he interested in?
• Does s/he plan to attend a four-year college/university?
• What kind of school atmosphere is s/he looking for — big or small, near where you live or in another part of the city, with many grades or just three or four, coed or boys/girls only?
Narrowing your choices

Name the schools you know you are interested in on the left side of the chart. Are there other schools you want to learn more about? Add those, too.

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Now think about what you are expecting from a school. Given what you know now, how do you think these schools meet your needs/criteria? (+/-/?)
Narrowing your choices

Fifth grader, lives in Southwest Baltimore, good grades, likes math and science, wants to be a doctor.

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Narrowing your choices

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You can use the ‘Compare Schools’ tool on the City Schools website to find some of the information you need.
Choice Process and Timeline
City Schools Choice Application

• Rank five participating schools on City Schools choice application

• No minimum composite score necessary for schools without entrance criteria

• Admissions determined by lottery if number of applicants is greater than number of seats available

• Current students will submit applications online at http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/campus

• Applications due January 22, 2022.
New this year: Geographic Preference

This year, a new geographic preference will apply to lottery high schools without entrance criteria.

➢ For example, students living in the Northeast quadrant of Baltimore City would have placement preference at the lottery high schools they apply to that are located in the same quadrant: Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, The REACH! Partnership School, and Reginald F. Lewis High School.

➢ If two students, one living in Cherry Hill and one living in Lauraville, both select Mergenthaler for the #1 spot on the choice application, the student living in Lauraville would have preference for that school over the student living in Cherry Hill.
1 Log into Campus Portal
Select the link:

2. **Online Choice Application**
3 Click on the Student Card
Select up to Five schools. Click Save

Rank choices – put the school you most want to attend in the #1 spot, your second choice school in the #2 spot, etc.
October 2021

November 2021

December 2021

January 2022

February 2022

March 2022

April 2022
Begin researching schools and attending open houses and information sessions. Many schools will be offering these through December.

Be sure to keep an eye on the website or social media channels of the schools you are interested in to find specific dates.
What is an open house?

• A way to see the school and meet staff when school is not in session.

• Dates and times found on schools’ websites or social media channels.

• Typically, these are held in-person at the school location, but most may be virtual this year.
• Students receive 1st quarter report cards –
  • 1st quarter grades from 5th or 8th grade are the final piece needed to calculate a student’s composite score
• Baltimore City Public Schools begins calculating composite scores
• City Schools Choice Guide published
City Schools will publish its Middle and High School Choice Guide for students and families on its website.

The choice guide profiles all the public schools in Baltimore City and provides information such as:

- Location
- Bus lines
- Start and end times
- Uniform requirements
- Extracurricular activities
- Academic programming (International Baccalaureate, Advanced Academics, Ingenuity, gifted and advanced learning, CTE, etc.)
• Composite scores distributed
  • City Schools aims to distribute composite scores to students before the choice fair.
  • You will get your composite score from the school choice liaison at your school.

• Choice fair
Where: Virtual, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
When: Available beginning Friday, December 3

The choice fair is an opportunity to learn about many schools in one location at one time.

MORE DETAILS TO COME!
TIMELINE

January 2022

- Baltimore City Public Schools choice applications due.
  - Submit online in Infinite Campus
  - Please be sure to reach out to your school’s choice liaison if you do not have access to Infinite Campus.
• Charter school application deadlines
  • If you are interested in any charter schools, make sure you know when the application deadlines are.
  • Most charter schools will have an application deadline in mid-February….but not all! Do your research to find out when each school’s applications are due.
TIMELINE

Baltimore City Public Schools sends the first round of school assignment letters (results from City Schools choice application process) to students and their families.

March 2022
School placements

• Letters will be mailed to the address on file at your current school. Make sure your address is up-to-date with your school’s front office.

• Each school manages its own waitlist. If you are waitlisted at a school and want to get an update on your status, please call the school.

• If you receive an offer of admission from a charter school and plan to enroll, submit the Baltimore City Schools Decline Form once you have enrolled.

Accepted to a charter school – now what?

1. If you plan to enroll, follow the charter school’s instructions to complete enrollment. Most will have a deadline for you to accept or decline.

2. Complete the City Schools Decline Form in Infinite Campus.

3. If you do not plan to enroll in the charter school, decline the offer of admission.
Decline form deadline and second round of City Schools choice applications.
Decline forms are due

- If you are accepted to and decide to enroll in a charter school, you must submit a form declining your City Schools assignment. You can submit this form online through Infinite Campus.
- You can also use this form to decline your first round City Schools choice application assignment if you are unhappy with it. You can re-apply to schools that are still accepting students for the second round of assignments.
- Transfer, rather than decline, if you are leaving the district.
Second round of choice applications

Students who did not like their initial school assignments from the City Schools choice application have the option to re-apply by submitting another.

- Can only apply to schools with space available.
  - City Schools will provide a list of schools that have space available.
  - Poly, City, Western and Dunbar usually do not have space available in the second round.
- Submit a new application to the choice liaison at your school or directly to the City Schools Office of Enrollment, Choice and Transfers

What happens if I still don’t have a placement?

Any student who doesn’t have a middle or high school placement after the charter lotteries and two City Schools lotteries have been completed will receive an assignment letter over the summer to the address on file at their current school.

If you are assigned to a school over the summer and want to request a new one, visit the Enrollment, Choice, and Transfers office (Room 106) during the summer transfer window in the month of July to request a new placement.
For any other questions about the choice process, please contact the Office of Enrollment, Choice and Transfers at Baltimore City Public Schools.

Email ruthf@ffee.org at the Fund for Educational Excellence with any feedback on this workshop.