DEAR STUDENTS,

We are so excited to help you and your family learn about all your school choices for next year!

One of the things that makes City Schools unique is that students going into middle or high school, like you, get to choose where they’d like to go to school. With so many different options available, it’s important that you and your family take the time to think about your interests and talents as you explore what City Schools has to offer you.

You—a young person with passions and dreams—know what you want for yourself. Think about who you are, what interests you, and what motivates you to go to school in the morning. Use this guide and our new online school comparison feature to find out what schools can offer. When you visit schools, ask questions (lots of them!) to find out if they have what you’re looking for. The choice is yours — do everything you can to make the best choice for you.

Over the next few years, you’ll find passions that can turn into careers. You’ll use your voice to fight for issues that are important to you and challenge yourself to try new things. With the help of your family, friends, and teachers, you’ll get to know yourself and find the path to a successful future. No matter what school you go to, your commitment to going to school every single day will be the most important factor in helping you accomplish your future goals. Take advantage of everything your school has to offer—clubs, sports, advanced courses—to make sure you stay focused and excited about going to school.

I can’t wait to see what you accomplish next year, as you work towards high school graduation, college, and your future.

Dr. Sonja Brookins Santelises
Chief Executive Officer
Baltimore City Public Schools

City Schools’ Blueprint for Success

Every day, students walk through the doors of our schools filled with talent, dreams, and enormous potential. It is our responsibility to make sure that all students, including you, have a world-class education that will empower you to pursue the future that calls you.

To do this, we are focusing on three things:

1. **Literacy** across all subject areas and through reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

2. **Student Wholeness** by creating supportive environments that meet the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of all students.

3. **Leadership**, so that teachers, principals, and all staff members do their part to make your school a welcoming place to learn.

To find out more about City Schools’ blueprint, visit [www.baltimorecityschools.org/blueprint](http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/blueprint).
**COMPOSITE SCORE CALCULATION**

City Schools uses composite scores to place students at schools with entrance criteria schools (page 6) and in Advanced Academics for middle school (page 9).

The composite score is based on students’ performance during the 4th or 7th grade as well as their performance during the 1st quarter of the 5th or 8th grade—including attendance, standardized test scores, and grades. In fact, grades in the 4th or 7th grade are counted more than your performance in the 5th or 8th grade. Each entrance-criteria school uses a different calculation that reflects the school’s focus. For example, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute puts more emphasis on students’ math grades because the school has a strong STEM focus. It’s important to note that taking honors classes or advanced programs in middle school can increase a student’s composite score and make it easier to get in to some schools.

If you need more information about your composite score, please speak with the choice liaison at your school.

**SCHOOL CHOICE LIAISONS**

School choice liaisons at elementary and middle schools are ready to help students and families with the middle and high school choice process. This includes everything from exploring schools to filling out the choice application. Check with your school or visit [www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice](http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice) to find your choice liaison. Get answers to your questions about how to get ready for school choice and how to choose the school that’s right for you.
Search and compare schools online!

City School’s new website has a brand new feature that lets you search for schools based on what’s important to you—location, program offerings, and more! You can also compare schools side by side, making it easier than ever to learn about what schools have to offer and narrow down your top schools.

Submit your choice application online!

Students can now submit their choice applications online using Campus Portal (www.baltimorecity-schools.org/campus). You can get your log-in information from your school.
About the Schools You Choose

Each year, the district reviews and assesses how the district as a whole and individual schools are doing in providing all students and families with high-quality school options. This annual school review process helps City Schools create better options for students and families by strengthening low-performing schools, expanding the reach of high-performing schools, tapping into the resources of outside organizations to operate or partner with schools, ensuring as many students as possible have access to modern buildings, and closing schools with poor prospects of improvement for growth. The district’s review process takes into account academic performance, enrollment trends, facilities needs, the range of school options available in different areas of the city, and opportunities to create new schools or programs.

Depending on the findings of the review, the district recommends that the Board of School Commissioners consider changes at certain schools and programs. This year’s recommended changes for middle and high schools are indicated on individual school profiles in this guide. Ask your school choice liaison or visit the district website at www.baltimorecityschools.org to find out more.

SCHOOL ADMISSION TYPES

There are different ways that students are admitted to schools. Before you select the schools to enter on your choice application, check the requirements for each school.

Choice Lottery

If a school (with no specific admissions requirements) receives more applications than they can accept, the district will place students there using a lottery.

Academic Entrance Criteria

When a school has academic entrance criteria, a student must have a minimum “composite score” to be considered for admittance (see page 4 for more information about how composite scores are calculated). For schools with entrance criteria, students who apply are ranked according to their composite scores. If space is available at a particular school, students who score lower than the required minimum score may be accepted. If more eligible students apply than the school has room to serve—as usually happens with Baltimore City College, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and the Advanced Academics program at Roland Park Elementary/Middle School—students are accepted based on composite score rank. After available places have been assigned, a wait list is established of the next 50 most qualified students, based on composite score. If you need more information about your composite score, please speak with the choice liaison at your school.

Specialized

Some schools have a specific focus and process for admission. The application process for each of these schools is described in their school profile in this guide.

Baltimore Design School (page 28)
Baltimore School for the Arts (page 30)
Bard High School Early College (page 31)
National Academy Foundation (page 29)
P-TECH at Carver, Dunbar, and New Era (pages 31, 34, and 33)

The Ingenuity Project (offered at Hamilton, James McHenry, Mount Royal, and Roland Park elementary/middle schools and at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute) requires a separate application. See page 9 for more information.

School-Based Lottery

Some charter or contract schools have a separate application process that includes a school-based lottery. Students should not include these schools on their choice application but instead apply separately through the schools’ own process. To apply to a school-based lottery school, contact the school. The application deadline for charter schools is February 8, 2019.

Do Everything You Can to Make the Best Choice for You.
**GIFTED AND ADVANCED LEARNING**

Gifted and advanced learners are able to perform at high levels academically, artistically, or creatively, or in leadership.

City Schools has more than 75 schools all around the city that work directly with district staff to provide support and services to students identified as gifted and advanced learners.

For more information about gifted and advanced learning, including how students are identified, please visit [www.baltimorecityschools.org/GAL](http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/GAL).

**ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES**

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs help English learners develop skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing, while also supporting their academic skills.

ESOL teachers provide explicit English language development instruction to English learners. They also work with other teachers to make sure that all English learners have the language support and instruction they need to succeed in all their classes.

All English learners have access to ESOL services. The following schools that participate in middle or high school choice are ESOL sites; however, services are adjusted as necessary to ensure all English learners are able to participate fully in the choice process.

- Academy for College and Career Exploration
- Baltimore City College
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
- Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove
- Cross Country Elementary/Middle School
- The Crossroads School
- Digital Harbor High School
- Forest Park High School
- Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School
- Hamilton Elementary/Middle School
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
- National Academy Foundation
- New Era Academy
- Patterson High School
- Reginald F. Lewis High School
- Roland Park Elementary/Middle School
- Vanguard Collegiate Middle School
- Waverly Elementary/Middle School
- Western High School
MORE ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE

PRIORITY GROUPS
All 5th-grade students are placed in priority groups, based on whether the school they currently attend offers middle grades or feeds directly into a school with middle grades.

Priority group 1 includes students who attend elementary schools that do not have middle grades and do not feed into a specific school with middle grades. Students at these schools must select a middle school for next year.

Priority group 2 includes students who attend elementary schools that have middle grades or feed into a specific school with middle grades. Students at these schools can choose their middle school through the choice process, stay at their current school (if it has grades 6–8), or attend the K–8 school for which their current elementary school is a “feeder.” Priority group 2 students will be considered for their choice schools if there is space after all priority group 1 students have been placed.

A student’s priority group is not considered when applying to charter or contract schools, the Ingenuity Project, or Advanced Academics.

If you have questions about what priority group you are in, speak to your school choice liaison.

SIBLINGS
If you want to go to the same middle school where a sibling is already enrolled (as long as the school participates in middle school choice), include that school on your application and City Schools will try to place you there. (Exceptions are students applying to the Ingenuity Project or Advanced Academics.) A sibling is a brother or sister living in the same household as you, or a child who is the legal responsibility of your parent or legal guardian. To prove sibling status, you and your family must submit birth certificates, adoption documents, or custody/guardianship papers for each student.

SCHOOL LOCATION
In order to keep young students close to their communities, City Schools gives placement preference to students who want to attend middle schools near where they live. (Exceptions are students applying to charter schools, the Ingenuity Project, or Advanced Academics.) See “Middle Schools at a Glance” on page 18, and be sure that your current school has your correct address on file.
**SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING**

**Advanced Academics**
These programs provide differentiated academic opportunities for 6th-to 8th-grade students who learn at a fast pace and can benefit from greater depth and breadth in instruction. Students must have a composite score of 355 to qualify and must fill out the choice application. See page 4 for more information about composite scores.

**Schools:**
- Cross Country Elementary/Middle School
- Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School
- Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School
- Roland Park Elementary/Middle School
- Waverly Elementary/Middle School

**Ingenuity Project**
The Ingenuity Project provides an accelerated math, science, and research program for gifted and advanced middle and high school students. The program is hosted at four elementary/middle schools, Hamilton, James McHenry, Mount Royal, and Roland Park, and one high school, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

Ingenuity offers challenging course work with an emphasis on inquiry, investigation, strong work habits, and a deep mastery of concepts. Master teachers prepare students to become the next generation of leaders in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Ingenuity requires a separate application that must be submitted by December 20, 2018. The simple online application can be completed by visiting [www.ingenuityproject.org](http://www.ingenuityproject.org); paper applications are available through your school’s choice liaison. Students who apply will be invited to take an admissions test in January.

**Schools:**
- Hamilton Elementary/Middle School
- James McHenry Elementary/Middle School
- Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School
- Roland Park Elementary/Middle School

**Gateway to Technology: Project Lead the Way**
This Career and Technology Education program offers middle school students the opportunity to explore engineering through a challenging, engaging, project-based program. The program is divided into units that focus on design, modeling, and robotics.

**Schools:**
- Barclay Elementary/Middle School*
- Cherry Hill 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*

*This school does not participate in middle school choice.
STUDENTS NOW ENROLLED AT MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS
All City Schools 8th-grade students choose their high school. If your current school also offers 9th grade, you will be accepted automatically 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 into a school ranked higher on your list.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

Dual Enrollment
Students at all high schools have the opportunity to earn college credits tuition free while working toward their high school diplomas through partnerships with Baltimore City Community College and other local institutions. Students interested in these opportunities should see their school counselors for assistance with the application process.

Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH)
P-TECH is an innovative school model for students interested in careers in technology. Students commit to a six year program during which they complete high school, earn a tuition-free associate in arts degree from Baltimore City Community College, and have first consideration for a job with an industry-leading partner and an average starting salary of $50,000. During their time in the program, students will prepare for jobs of the future through mentorships with industry partners, summer employment opportunities, and by earning industry certifications.

City Schools has three P-TECH programs: P-TECH Carver (page 31) focuses on information technology; P-TECH Dunbar (page 34) focuses on technology and health sciences; P-TECH New Era (page 33) focuses on transportation and logistics.

Bard High School Early College
At Bard High School Early College (page 31), students are taught by college faculty in undergraduate seminars and receive college credits up to an associate in arts degree tuition free from Bard College, while they also work toward a high school diploma.

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SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Project Lead the Way
This Career and Technology Education program provides students with transformative learning experiences. At the high school level, students can enroll in three different pathways: biomedical sciences, computer science, or pre-engineering. Teachers and classwork engage students in hands-on activities, projects, and problems; empower them to solve real-world challenges; and inspire them to reimagine how they see themselves.

Schools:
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
- Edmondson-Westside High School
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
- National Academy Foundation
- Patterson High School
- Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
- Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy
- Western High School

Career Research and Development
This Career and Technology Education program prepares students with the academic, technical, and workplace skills they need for further education and employment in a career field, with two in-school courses, a portfolio development project, and a work-based learning experience.

Schools:
- Achievement Academy at Harbor City High School*
- Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove
- Excel Academy at Francis M. Wood High School*
- George W.F. McMechen High School*
- National Academy Foundation
- Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy

*Students are placed in this school by referral. Call (410) 396-8600 for information

Ingenuity Project
See page 9 for a description of this mathematics and science program offered at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Acceptance requires a separate application, and students admitted at the high school level must also select and be accepted to attend Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (see page 30), a school with entrance criteria.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
This challenging two-year curriculum, offered at Baltimore City College (page 30), encourages students to ask challenging questions, develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture, and develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC)
JROTC develops students’ understanding of leadership skills, strong moral character, and self-discipline. The program provides students with a variety of intellectual, physical, and social experiences that encourage them to become leaders, critical thinkers, and productive members of society. JROTC is dedicated to creating leaders who will serve their nation as productive citizens. It is not military training or a recruiting organization.

Schools (in 2018–19):
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
- Carver Vocational-Technical High School
- Forest Park High School
- Frederick Douglass High School
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
- New Era Academy
- Patterson High School
- The REACH! Partnership School

Advanced Placement
These courses provide rigorous, college-level content, and successful completion and passing of the final AP exam can result in college credit.

Schools (in 2018–19):
- Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts
- Baltimore City College
- Baltimore Design School
- Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
- Baltimore School for the Arts
- Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove
- Carver Vocational-Technical High School
- City Neighbors High School
- ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School
- Coppin Academy
- Digital Harbor High School
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- National Academy Foundation
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- The Reach! Partnership School
- Reginald F. Lewis High School
- Western High School

Please note offerings may change for the 2019-20 school year, depending on enrollment and need at each individual school.
CAREER PREPARATION

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (CTE) programs give you the opportunity to graduate from high school with the skills, experience, and certification you need to jump into a work-study program in your field, start a paid apprenticeship, or make yourself stand out in college or job applications. Plus, you’ll get a chance to work hands-on in state-of-the-art labs and use professional equipment, meet and learn from industry professionals, and have access to internships.

CTE programs are offered at many schools, but each school may not offer all possible courses within a pathway. For more information about CTE programs, visit www.baltimorecityschools.org/CTE or talk to your school choice liaison.
ARTS, MEDIA, AND COMMUNICATION
Explore: Graphic design, web design, interactive media production, game development, and music production
Schools:
Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts
Baltimore Design School
Carver Vocational-Technical High School
Digital Harbor High School
Edmondson-Westside High School
Forest Park High School
Frederick Douglass High School
Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
Patterson High School

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, AND FINANCE
Explore: Finance, accounting, marketing, and business management
Schools:
Carver Vocational-Technical High School
Edmondson-Westside High School
Forest Park High School
Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
National Academy Foundation
Patterson High School
Reginald F. Lewis High School

CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
Explore: Carpentry, electrical work, masonry, plumbing, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), and Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD)
Schools:
Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts
Baltimore Design School
Carver Vocational-Technical High School
Edmondson-Westside High School
Green Street Academy
Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
Patterson High School
The REACH! Partnership School

CONSUMER SERVICES, HOSPITALITY, AND TOURISM
Explore: Cooking, baking, fashion design, restaurant management, hotel management, and cosmetology
Schools:
Baltimore Design School
Carver Vocational-Technical High School
Claremont School
Edmondson-Westside High School
Forest Park High School
George W.F. McMechen High School
Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
National Academy Foundation
Patterson High School

ENVIRONMENTAL, AGRICULTURE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Explore: Agriculture, food safety, sustainability and bio-technology
Schools:
Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove
Green Street Academy
Reginald F. Lewis High School

HEALTH AND BIO SCIENCES
Explore: Dentistry, nursing, pharmaceuticals, and lab work
Schools:
Edmondson-Westside High School
Green Street Academy
Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
Patterson High School
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
The REACH! Partnership School
Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy
Western High School

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HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES
Explore: Homeland security, law, firefighting, EMT, childcare/early childhood education, and teaching
Schools:
- Carver Vocational-Technical High School
- Digital Harbor High School
- Edmondson-Westside High School
- Forest Park High School
- Frederick Douglass High School
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
- National Academy Foundation
- Patterson High School
- Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
- Reginald F. Lewis High School
- Renaissance Academy
- Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy
- Western High School

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Explore: Networking, IT support, web development, cybersecurity, computer science, Cisco, and Oracle
Schools:
- Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
- Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West
- Carver Vocational-Technical High School
- Digital Harbor High School
- Edmondson-Westside High School
- Forest Park High School
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
- National Academy Foundation
- New Era Academy
- Patterson High School
- Western High School

MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY
Explore: Product manufacturing, civil engineering, and computer science
Schools:
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
- Carver Vocational-Technical High School
- Edmondson-Westside High School
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
- National Academy Foundation
- Patterson High School
- Western High School

TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES
Explore: Auto mechanics, collision repair, and seagoing
Schools:
- Edmondson-Westside High School
- Forest Park High School
- Joseph C. Briscoe Academy*
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
- New Era Academy

*Students are placed in this school by referral. Call (410) 396-8600 for information.
STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT CITY SCHOOLS

Students who are not currently enrolled at City Schools can obtain a copy of the choice application online at www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice or from City Schools’ district office (200 E. North Avenue, Room 106, Baltimore, MD 21202). They can also call (410) 396-8600 with any questions about how school choice works.

When the choice application is submitted, it should be accompanied by the student’s birth certificate and two proofs of address (additional proofs of address may be requested). A list of documents that can serve as proof is posted at the website address noted above.

If the student is applying for an entrance-criteria school, the choice application must also include the results from the student’s spring 2018 PARCC assessment for use in calculating the composite score (see page 4). If the student currently attends a school that does not administer the PARCC assessment, the student must take the i-Ready achievement tests. Appointments for testing can be scheduled by calling (410) 396-8962.

Students who do not live in Baltimore City (or those whose applications do not include acceptable documentation of proof of Baltimore City residence), are considered for placement in a Baltimore City public school after eligible Baltimore City residents are placed. This policy applies to all schools, including charter schools, entrance criteria schools, and schools that conduct a choice lottery. Please note that nonresident students must pay tuition.

The choice application should be submitted to the district office (address left) by the January 18 deadline.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

It is the policy of City Schools that all students be given equal access and opportunity to participate in all educational programs (in accordance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Perkins Act of 1998, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004). All students are provided the same opportunity to apply for entrance into City Schools middle and high schools and programs without regard to disability.

The only exception for students with disabilities occurs based on documented student need within the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for a citywide special education program, nonpublic school, or separate public day school. IEP teams will work collaboratively with appropriate school-based staff to ensure that students with disabilities receive all necessary support through the middle and high school choice process.
SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERYTHING YOUR SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER
# Middle School Options at a Glance

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### Key

- **Advanced Academics**
- **Gifted and Advanced Learning**
- **Ingenuity Project**
- **Project Lead the Way**
- **English for Speakers of Other Languages**

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WITH THE HELP OF YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND TEACHERS, YOU’LL GET TO KNOW YOURSELF AND FIND THE PATH TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.
BALTIMORE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL FOR BOYS #375
900 Woodbourne Avenue | Northeast quadrant
(443) 642-5320 | Serves grades 4 to 8

Baltimore Collegiate, a charter school, rigorously prepares male students for success in college and life through a traditional liberal arts curriculum in the humanities, math, science, and the arts. We offer high academic standards and support for each student’s intellectual, social, and personal development. Character education helps a Collegiate student form sound habits of mind and action.

Program Highlights ► All-male student body; college-preparatory focus

TO APPLY ► contact the school.

Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys is temporarily located at the address noted above (900 Woodbourne Ave.) for the current school year. The operator of the school will be identifying a new location for the 2019-20 school year.

BALTIMORE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL #336
1600 Guilford Avenue | Southeast quadrant
(410) 528-5393 | Serves grades pre-k to 8

Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School’s middle grades program responds to the unique developmental needs of young adolescents by anchoring meaningful academic study in a real-world context. The challenging and engaging curriculum prepares students for high school and beyond while supporting community engagement and promoting lifelong learning. In addition to core subjects, students’ course of study includes culinary and visual arts, as well as opportunities for service learning and student-led businesses.

Program Highlights ► Montessori program

TO APPLY ► contact the school.

CROSS COUNTRY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL #247
6900 Park Heights Avenue | Northwest quadrant
(410) 396-0602 | Serves pre-k to grade 8

Cross Country develops students’ special talents with honors programming, academic coaching, and enrichment in areas including science, technology, engineering, math, and language arts. Cross Country is an official green school, and students are involved with environmental projects throughout the year.

Program Highlights ► Advanced Academics; honors courses; CTE (Gateway to Technology); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; gifted and advanced learning (award winner)

TO APPLY ► for Advanced Academics, fill out the choice application (minimum 355 composite score required).

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL #76
1425 E. Fort Avenue | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-1503 | Serves pre-k to grade 8

Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School is located on a sprawling green campus in the Baltimore neighborhood of Locust Point. We deliver on our mission by providing outstanding programming and having committed teachers, students, families, staff as well as local and nationally renowned community partners.

Program Highlights ► Advanced Academics, honors courses; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; gifted and advanced learning (award winner)

TO APPLY ► for Advanced Academics, fill out the choice application (minimum 355 composite score required).

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL #236
6101 Old Harford Road | Northeast quadrant
(410) 396-6375 | Serves grades pre-k to 8

Hamilton Elementary/Middle School has a proud history of educational excellence. We strive for our students to be academically excellent, socially sensitive, and emotionally sound. Moreover, our student population reflects the economic, linguistic, and racial diversity of the greater Hamilton Community of Northeast Baltimore. Working in cooperation with families, we ensure that every child has the opportunity to attain an excellent education and to learn and explore their passions. Our students are scholars, artists, and scientists who are out to change the world.

Program Highlights ► Honors courses; Ingenuity Project; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; gifted and advanced learning

TO APPLY ► for the Ingenuity Project, contact the Ingenuity Project (see page 9).

JAMES MCHENRY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL #10
31 S. Schroeder Street | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-1621 | Serves grades pre-k to 8

As a community school, James McHenry is the hub of the Southwest Baltimore community. With an excellent teaching staff, dedicated parents, and generous community partners our students are exceeding their goals. Your child could be next!

James McHenry is a 100% Project school, a collaborative partnership of five schools working together to provide a high-quality public school education for every child. We prioritize family and community engagement, school culture, rigorous instruction, and professional learning. As a 100% Project school we embody an inclusive mindset, a student-centered approach, and college and career readiness. We host monthly PTO meetings and enjoy active parent engagement. James McHenry Eagles are flying high!

Program Highlights ► Ingenuity Project; gifted and advanced learning; community school

TO APPLY ► for the Ingenuity Project, contact the Ingenuity Project (see page 9).
LILLIE MAY CARROLL JACKSON SCHOOL #371
900 Woodbourne Avenue | Northeast quadrant
(443) 320-9499 | Serves grades 5 to 8

At Lillie May Carroll Jackson School (named for the pioneer civil rights activist), girls pursue rigorous course work, high-quality fieldwork experiences, and character and leadership development. We are an expeditionary learning charter school, engaging students as self-motivated learners who find joy in learning and graduate with the academic knowledge, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving capacity to succeed. We envision a world where all young women, regardless of their background, have the skills, tools, and qualities to develop as leaders in their communities and the world. At LMCJS, learning is active, challenging, meaningful, public, and collaborative.

Program Highlights  ► All-female student body

TO APPLY  ► contact the school.

The Board of School Commissioners is considering a recommendation to relocate this program to 2200 Sinclair Lane for the 2019-20 school year.

MOUNT ROYAL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL #66
121 McMechen Street | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-0864 | Serves k to grade 8

Mount Royal is nestled in historic Bolton Hill and the heart of the MICA campus. At Mt. Royal, we believe that school is where students will find their passion that will help them be successful in future college and careers. We offer a wide arrange of opportunities throughout the instructional day and after school. Just a few of these offerings include Coding in Schools, Study Abroad Club, Engineering Club, Robotics, and more! Mt. Royal also partners with MICA interns who incorporate art across all content.

Program Highlights  ► Advanced Academics, honors courses; Ingenuity Project; arts integration with music, visual arts, dance, and theater; gifted and advanced learning (award winner)

TO APPLY  ► for Advanced Academics fill out the choice application (minimum 355 composite score required). For the Ingenuity Project, contact the Ingenuity Project (see page 9).

ROLAND PARK ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL #233
5207 Roland Avenue | Northwest quadrant
(410) 396-6420 | Serves pre-k to grade 8

Teaching and learning at Roland Park provide a positive, engaging, and challenging environment for creative and critical thinking.

Program Highlights  ► Advanced Academics; honors courses; Ingenuity Project; CTE (Gateway to Technology); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; gifted and advanced learning (award winner)

TO APPLY  ► for Advanced Academics, fill out the choice application (minimum 355 composite score required). For the Ingenuity Project, contact the Ingenuity Project (see page 9).

WAVERLY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL #51
3400 Ellerslie Avenue | Northeast quadrant
(410) 396-6394 | Serves pre-k to grade 8

Waverly's mission is to prepare 21st-century learners and leaders with high expectations to soar to excellence in college and careers. We offer a full range of academic, enrichment, extracurricular, and athletic programs. Our new building, opened in January 2014, provides an ideal environment for learning.

Program Highlights  ► Advanced Academics; honors courses; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; community school; gifted and advanced learning

TO APPLY  ► for Advanced Academics, fill out the choice application (minimum 355 composite score required).
MIDDLE SCHOOLS

AFYA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL #337
2800 Brendan Avenue | Northeast quadrant
(410) 485-2102 | Serves grades 6 to 8

Afya Public Charter School is a middle school in the Belair-Edison neighborhood that opened in the fall of 2008 and is operated by Afya Baltimore Inc. Afya is a Swahili word for health. At Afya, we focus on the intellectual, physical, and social health of our students. Middle school is a time of great change in the lives of young people. Afya is committed to providing supports and structures as our young people grow and mature.

Program Highlights ► Honors courses; fitness focus; community school

TO APPLY ► contact the school.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL #130
1301 McCulloh Street | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-7734 | Serves grades 6 to 8

Booker T. Washington Middle School relies on a strong art focused curriculum. Our students learn the importance of one of the following: theater, instrumental music, media arts, dance, or visual arts. Beginning in 6th grade, our students develop their arts abilities and choose a discipline. Students use these skills to immerse themselves in the core academic classes that will propel them to a high school of their choice. We are a restorative practices school where our students become problem solvers versus problem makers and find the value of relationships. Through the strength of our culture, academic-programming, and arts prominence, our students are prepared to be well-rounded individuals who take on challenges and change the environment around them.

Program Highlights ► Arts focus; community school

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.

THE CROSSROADS SCHOOL #323
802 S. Caroline Street | Southeast quadrant
(410) 276-4924 | Serves grades 6 to 8

The Crossroads School is a charter school that creates a path for curious, kind, hardworking, children and committed families to achieve success inside and outside of the classroom. Our school's small size and tight-knit community enables our team to create a personalized learning experience for every child. At Crossroads, children are people first, students second, and numbers never.

Program Highlights ► Honors courses; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; extended-day and summer programming gifted and advanced learning

TO APPLY ► contact the school.

STADIUM SCHOOL #15
1400 Exeter Hall Avenue | Northeast quadrant
(443) 984-2682 | Serves grades 6 to 8

Stadium School, located in the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello community, takes pride in providing students with a structured academic program, exciting extracurricular activities, and meaningful, real-life learning experiences. Students, staff, families, and the community work collaboratively to ensure that our students are prepared for college and careers.

Program Highlights ► Gifted and advanced learning

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.

VANGUARD COLLEGIATE MIDDLE SCHOOL #374
5000 Truesdale Avenue | Northeast quadrant
(443) 642-2069 | Serves grades 6 to 8

Vanguard is a college-preparatory middle school with a unique program to ensure achievement through advisory, enrichment, and remediation. School leaders, parents, and students work collaboratively to create engaging opportunities to develop the whole child.

Program Highlights ► Arts-infused curriculum; honors courses; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; gifted and advanced learning

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.

Pursue the future that calls you.
ACADEMY FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION #427  
1300 W. 36th Street | Northeast quadrant  
(410) 396-7607 | Serves grades 6 to 12  
ACCE is committed to preparing students to make informed choices by providing exploratory experiences in a variety of careers. Frequent college visits, dual enrollment, early college institute, and our student internship program provide students with valuable experiences in the field of their choice.  
Program Highlights  
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports; community school  
TO APPLY  
- fill out the choice application.

BALTIMORE DESIGN SCHOOL #382  
1500 Barclay Street | Southeast quadrant  
(443) 642-2311 | Serves grades 6 to 12  
Baltimore Design School is a unique educational experience for budding creatives and problem solvers. Our rigorous design program is recognized for its unique approach to learning in which middle school students get a solid foundation of design and studio skills followed by intensive academics and design study in high school. High school students choose and follow a 4-year design curriculum in one of three tracks: architecture/construction design and management, graphic design/interactive media production, and fashion design. Each track includes a foundation freshman year followed by 3 years of CTE programs where students develop college-ready portfolios and receive career training. Partnerships with local colleges ensure that students who are serious about pursuing a career in their perspective fields are well prepared for the rigorous demands of college programs. Graduates of BDS have gone on to some of the top college programs in the area.  
Program Highlights  
- AP courses; honors courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media, and Communication; Construction and Development; and Consumer Services, Hospitality, and Tourism); design/arts-integration approach; gifted and advanced learning  
TO APPLY  
- contact the school (interest survey required for middle school, portfolio submission required for high school).

BALTIMORE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN #348  
128 W. Franklin Street | Southwest quadrant  
(443) 642-2048 | Serves grades 6 to 12  
BLSYW, a charter school, prepares students for success in college and life. BLSYW engages young women in learning through a strong academic culture and innovative teaching practices, and cultivates self-confidence, individuality, and a strong sense of community responsibility.  
Program Highlights  
- All-female student body; AP courses; honors courses; gifted and advanced learning  
TO APPLY  
- contact the school.

BLUFORD DREW JEMISON STEM ACADEMY WEST #364  
1500 Harlem Avenue | Northwest quadrant  
(443) 642-2110 | Serves grades 6 to 12  
Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy (BDJ) is the only all-male middle/high STEM school in Baltimore City. The vision of BDJ is to build strong, positive relationships with male scholars so they can achieve independence, confidence, and academic knowledge as they pursue college and career opportunities. BDJ prides itself in exposing our male scholars to all aspects of STEM and preparing them to pursue continued education and careers in the STEM field.  
Program Highlights  
- All-male student body; STEM focus; CTE (pathway in Information Technology); interscholastic sports  
TO APPLY  
- fill out the choice application.

CONNEXIONS: A COMMUNITY-BASED ARTS SCHOOL #325  
2801 N. Dukeland Street | Northwest quadrant  
(443) 984-1418 | Serves grades 6 to 12  
ConneXions is a community-based, arts-focused, charter school located in the greater Mondawmin community. Our focus is on the arts with a commitment to academic excellence, preparing students for both college and career paths. ConneXions works with Baltimore organizations in the performing arts, community cultural and civic leadership, and activism. The fine arts component at ConneXions is a unique and rigorous program that helps students gain expertise in theater, martial arts, vocals, dance, visual art, West African drum, and media arts. These courses are taught by trained experts and established artists. ConneXions students also participate in many multicultural school and community events.  
Program Highlights  
- AP courses; honors courses; arts integration  
TO APPLY  
- fill out the choice application.

As part of the district’s annual review of school programs and buildings, the Board of School Commissioners is considering a recommendation to renew the contract for the operator of this school for subsequent years.
GREEN STREET ACADEMY #377
125 N. Hilton Street | Southwest quadrant
(443) 642-2068 | Serves grades 6 to 12
Green Street Academy is a charter school that embraces the green movement and the new paths it will generate. We are a school that will capture your imagination, stimulate curiosity, and inspire success. Green Street Academy students participate in project-based learning and entrepreneurship activities. In high school, students select from a variety of sustainability-oriented career content tracks that enable students to prepare for certifications, internships, and careers in whatever industry they choose. Green Street Academy also partners with the UMB CURE Scholars Program, which prepares students in West Baltimore for competitive and rewarding research, STEM, and health care career opportunities.

Program Highlights ▶ Project-based learning; honors courses; CTE (pathways in Environmental, Agriculture, and Natural Resources; Health and Biosciences; Construction and Development); student-based farm enterprise

TO APPLY ▶ contact the school.

As part of the district’s annual review of school programs and buildings, the Board of School Commissioners is considering a recommendation to renew the contract for the operator of this school for subsequent years.

NATIONAL ACADEMY FOUNDATION #421
540 N. Caroline Street | Southeast quadrant
(443) 984-1594 | Serves grades 6 to 12
National Academy Foundation is a transformational school located in East Baltimore that educates and nurtures students through adolescence. Our vision is for all NAF students to graduate college and career-ready through a variety of programs, including CTE pathways. Through significant community partnerships, NAF also offers a number of enrichment activities for students, including interscholastic sports, modeling, dance, poetry, arts, and more. We are part of a national organization that gives our students access to exclusive scholarships, internships, services, and employment opportunities. In addition, the school has a full barbershop and beauty salon that offers free services to our students.

Program Highlights ▶ AP courses; honors courses; CTE (Career Research and Development; and pathways in Business, Management, and Finance; Consumer Services, Hospitality, and Tourism; Human Resource Services; Information Technology; and Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ▶ to the middle school, fill out the choice application.
TO APPLY ▶ to the high school, fill out the choice application and contact the school to schedule an interview.

NACA FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACADEMY II #349
2500 E. Northern Parkway | Northeast quadrant
(443) 642-2031 | Serves grades 6 to 12
NACA’s mission is to develop enlivened and enlightened students capable of not only making a living but also building a life for themselves. By providing an innovative and groundbreaking curriculum emphasizing the freedom and democracy concepts, students gain a strong awareness of themselves, their possibilities, their families, and the surrounding world. Our ultimate goal—with parental involvement and community support—is to stimulate students so they can demonstrate academic excellence, intellectual strength, and productive citizenship.

Program Highlights ▶ Honors courses

TO APPLY ▶ fill out the choice application.
HIGH SCHOOLS

AUGUSTA FELLS SAVAGE INSTITUTE OF VISUAL ARTS #430
1500 Harlem Avenue | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-7701 | Serves grades 9 to 12

At Augusta Fells Savage Institute, we tap into students’ potential and help them succeed academically, artistically, socially, and emotionally. Our mission is to prepare 21st-century leaders and learners in an arts-focused learning community where student achievement is the priority.

Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; honors courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media, and Communication; Construction and Development; and Information Technology); interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application.

Baltimore City College is the nation’s third oldest public high school. As an International Baccalaureate World School, City College offers a rigorous college-preparatory program that incorporates communication, intercultural awareness, and inquiry-based learning. Our school motto, Palmam Qui Meruit Ferat (“Honor to the one who earns it”), reflects our commitment to hard work and excellence. Graduates include Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, and Emmy Award winners; elected officials; professional athletes; and prominent artists.

Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; International Baccalaureate; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application; while a minimum 610 composite score is required, the lowest score accepted has historically been higher.

BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE #403
1400 W. Cold Spring Lane | Northwest quadrant
(410) 396-7026 | Serves grades 9 to 12

At Baltimore Polytechnic, we prepare our students for learning by making sure that we are providing a rigorous and stimulating academic curriculum that is centered around STEM education and the humanities. Poly graduates go on to excel in STEM fields, college programs, and a range of professions. Poly offers a range of programs to support learning, including the Ingenuity Project and a college writing center, and over 45 clubs, including aviation, photography, and 3D printing. Our students’ success is a testament to the work we are doing as a school team and is reflected in our standardized test scores.

Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; honors courses; STEM focus; Ingenuity Project; CTE (pathways in Information Technology; and Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology); Air Force JROTC; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application; while a minimum 610 composite score is required, the lowest score accepted has historically been higher. For the Ingenuity Project, fill out the choice application and contact the Ingenuity Project (see page 5).

BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS #415
712 Cathedral Street | Southwest quadrant
(443) 642-5165 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Baltimore School for the Arts (BSA) is an urban public high school established in 1980 to create opportunities for talented students who aspire to careers in the arts. BSA offers pre-professional training in dance, film, music, theatre, stage design and production, and the visual arts, along with a rigorous college preparatory academic program.

Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; honors courses; arts training with career preparation support services; partnerships with local arts organizations

TO APPLY ➤ contact the school (audition required during the week of January 25, 2019).
BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE #362
2801 N. Dukeland Street | Northwest quadrant
(443) 642-5040 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Through a partnership with Bard College, students at Bard High School Early College (BHSEC) earn both a high school diploma and up to 60 transferable college credits and an associate in arts degree in four years. BHSEC provides a rigorous course of study that emphasizes critical thinking through writing, discussion, and inquiry. The school seeks to intellectually engage a diverse group of motivated high school students and prepare them for success in college and beyond. The curriculum is composed of a two-year college preparatory sequence in the 9th and 10th grades that segues directly into a two-year college course of study in place of the traditional 11th and 12th grades. BHSEC faculty members are experienced college professors.

Program Highlights ► Course of study that emphasizes critical thinking through writing, discussion, and inquiry; honors courses

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application and contact the school to schedule an interview.

CARVER VOCATIONAL–TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL #454
2201 Presstman Street | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-0553 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Carver is a college preparatory high school and career technology center that is fully accredited and certified. During their time at Carver, students will prepare to meet the certification standards of their selected career pathway. Students can also participate in a range of athletic and extracurricular activities.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media, and Communication; Business, Management, and Finance; Construction and Development; Consumer Services, Hospitality and Tourism; Human Resource Services; Information Technology; and Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology); Army JROTC; interscholastic sports; on-site daycare

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application; a minimum 475 composite score is required.

P-TECH AT CARVER #875
2201 Presstman Street | Southwest quadrant
(443) 642-3928 | Serves grades 9–12 and 2 years of college

Located within Carver High School, P-TECH focuses on information technology and has a partnership with IBM that allows students to work with leading professionals and acquire industry certifications, putting them on a path to employment. In four to six years, students graduate with both a high school diploma and a free two-year associate’s degree in either cyber-security or computer information systems. Students in P-TECH are paired with an industry mentor, participate in a paid summer internship, and are first in line for careers.

Program Highlights ► Six-year model; see page 10 for details

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application and contact the school to schedule an interview.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL AT MASONVILLE COVE #239
1201 Cambria Street | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-1373 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Benjamin Franklin High School is focused on building positive relationships and customizing our educational program to meet the needs of each and every student who walks through our doors. We are a traditional high school that offers a comprehensive athletic program and opportunities for students to explore post-secondary opportunities. As a community school, Benjamin Franklin High School offers a wide range of services and programs to support our students, families and the community such as a food pantry, family stability programs, on-site childcare, counseling, WIC clinic, and more. Nested in the small South Baltimore neighborhood of Brooklyn/Curtis Bay, Ben Franklin provides students with the personal attention they need to be successful in school and in life.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; CTE (Career Research and Development; pathway in Environmental, Agriculture and Natural Resources); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports; community school; on-site daycare

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.
CITY NEIGHBORS HIGH SCHOOL #376
5609 Sefton Avenue | Northeast quadrant
(443) 642-2119 | Serves grades 9 to 12

City Neighbors High School, a charter school, uses a progressive and innovative model that challenges students to the highest level of academic excellence and the highest level of personal and communal good to create our school. We see our students as creative, powerful, and deserving of the deepest respect. Through our internship program, fabrication lab, intense coursework, and extended advisory program, students are able to learn both academically and socially. Over 90% of our students graduate, and we have 94% attendance. Students at CNHS are known, loved, and inspired.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; project-based learning

TO APPLY ► contact the school.

COPPIN ACADEMY #432
2500 W. North Avenue | Northwest quadrant
(443) 642-5060 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Coppin Academy, located on Coppin State University’s campus, is a college-preparatory charter high school whose vision is that all graduates will pursue post-secondary education. Our students have access to the university’s labs, physical education complex, and classrooms.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; honors courses

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.

DIGITAL HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL #416
1100 Covington Street | Southwest quadrant
(443) 984-1256 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Digital Harbor High School is an innovative technology-focused high school. Students take preparatory courses for entry college, prepare for technology careers, and can earn industry-level certification. Digital Harbor uses restorative practices and has a full range of athletics and clubs for varied interests.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; honors courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media, and Communication; Human Resource Services; and Information Technology); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.

EDMONDSON–WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL #400
501 N. Athol Avenue | Southwest quadrant
(410) 396-0685 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Edmondson-Westside provides students with the best of both worlds — a college-preparatory curriculum resulting in a high school diploma and industry licensing or certification in one of many career pathways. Our students are prepared to enter colleges or universities, technical or trade schools, and the world of work. Other highlights include opportunities for our seniors to participate in work-study programs or dual enrollment with a local community college.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; honors courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media and Communication; Business, Management, and Finance; Construction and Development; Consumer Services, Hospitality, and Tourism; Health and Biosciences; Human Resource Services; Information Technology; Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology; and Transportation Technologies); interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application; a minimum 475 composite score is required.

FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL #406
3701 Eldorado Avenue | Northwest quadrant
(410) 396-0753 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Forest Park High School’s $73 million 21st Century Schools’ renovated campus boast Google Chromebooks in every classroom, Drones and Spheros, a television studio, a state-of-the-art library/media center, courtroom, culinary kitchen, two gymnasiums, and an indoor, heated swimming pool. Forest Park is a community school and our on-site partner is the YMCA. The partnership gives students opportunities both during and after school, including overnight college tours, special guests and events, service learning hours, and job internships.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media and Communication; Business, Management and Finance; Consumer Services, Hospitality and Tourism; Human Resource Services; Information Technology; and Transportation Technologies); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; Army JROTC; interscholastic sports; community school

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL #450
2301 Gwynns Falls Parkway | Northwest quadrant
(410) 396-7821 | Serves grades 9 to 12

At Frederick Douglass High School our focus is preparing students for college and careers. Our students have the opportunity to graduate with career certifications in a number of fields. We offer Career and Technology Education programs and a rigorous curriculum in which students can receive college credits, as well as other programming such as the Cab Calloway School of Music and our Army Junior ROTC program. Finally, we offer over 15 different sponsored clubs and 17 sports teams to engage students in extracurricular activities.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media, and Communication; and Human Resource Services); Army JROTC; community school; interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL LOCAL 1 HIGH SCHOOL #333
1300 W. 36th Street | Northwest quadrant
(443) 642-2504 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Independence High School Local 1 is a small public charter school located in the heart of the Hampden Community. Founded in 2004, Independence School opened with the commitment of cultivating a nurturing and challenging 21st-century learning environment. Through project-based learning experiences, students deepen their understanding of content, develop their sense of citizenship, and prepare for college and career. Through academic conversations, small group instruction, and field experiences, our learning environment appeals to both the hands-on and the self-directed learner. Partnerships with local universities support our students with dual enrollment and internships.

Program Highlights ► Experiential learning; science-based inquiry projects

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application

MERGENTHALER VOCATIONAL–TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL #410
3500 Hillen Road | Northeast quadrant
(410) 396-6496 | Serves grades 9 to 12

Mervo provides a college-preparatory curriculum leading to a high school diploma and industry licensing or certification in one of 19 state-approved or nationally certified career pathways, as well as JROTC. In addition to excellence in the classroom, students can participate in a wide variety of sports, clubs, activities, and events. Our students graduate prepared to enter college, technical or trade schools, or the world of work.

Program Highlights ► AP courses; honors courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media, and Communication; Business, Management, and Finance; Construction and Development; Consumer Services, Hospitality and Tourism; Health and Biosciences; Human Resource Services; Information Technology; Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology; and Transportation Technologies); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports; Navy JROTC; on-site daycare

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application; a minimum 475 composite score is required.

P-TECH AT NEW ERA
2700 Seamon Avenue | Southwest quadrant
(443) 984-2415 | Serves grades 9 to 12 and 2 years of college

Located within New Era Academy, P-TECH focuses on information technology and has a partnership with IBM that allows students to work with leading professionals and acquire industry certifications, putting them on a path to employment. After six years, students graduate with both a high school diploma and a free two-year associate’s degree in either cyber-security or computer information systems.

Program Highlights ► Six-year model; see page 10 for details

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application and contact the school to schedule an interview.

NEW ERA ACADEMY #422
2700 Seamon Avenue | Southwest quadrant
(443) 984-2415 | Serves grades 9 to 12

New Era Academy is located in the Cherry Hill community and provides a quality middle school and high school program for scholars. New Era Academy offers a unique and one of a kind Trans Tech Maritime Program. There is an array of extracurricular activities for students to participate in, in addition to community service projects and opportunities to earn service learning hours.

Program Highlights ► STEM focus; CTE (pathways in Information Technology and Transportation Technologies); Army JROTC; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports

TO APPLY ► fill out the choice application.
PATTSON HIGH SCHOOL #405
100 Kane Street | Southeast quadrant (410) 396-927 | Serves grades 9 to 12
Patterson is the most diverse high school in Baltimore City, offering various academic, athletic, and career pathways focusing on students’ individual interests and needs. A morning breakfast program, yoga/meditation, and a school store are available for our students. Our staff is supportive, dedicated, and nurturing to all students.
Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; honors courses; CTE (pathways in Arts, Media, and Communication; Business, Management, and Finance; Construction and Development; Consumer Services, Hospitality, and Tourism; Health and Biosciences; Human Resource Services; Information Technology; and Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology); Air Force JROTC; English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports; community school
TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application.

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL #414
1400 Orleans Street | Southeast quadrant (443) 642-4478 | Serves grades 9 to 12
Dunbar is a historic, premier college preparatory high school that offers students unique experiences in the health professions. The school develops and empowers critical and creative thinkers for the 21st century through a rigorous curriculum that provides students with a comprehensive foundation in mathematics, science, and medical studies. Students are also encouraged to challenge themselves by enrolling in Honors and Advanced Placement courses.
Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; CTE (pathways in Health and Biosciences; Human Resource Services); interscholastic sports
TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application; a minimum 610 composite score is required.

P-TECH AT DUNBAR #877
1400 Orleans Street | Southeast quadrant (443) 642-3928 | Serves grades 9 to 12 and 2 years of college
Located within Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, P-TECH focuses on health sciences and has partnerships with Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, and Kaiser Permanente that allow students to work with leading professionals and acquire industry certifications, putting them on a path to employment. In four to six years, students graduate with both a high school diploma and a free two-year associate’s degree in nursing, respiratory therapy, or physical therapy. Students in P-TECH are paired with an industry mentor, participate in a paid summer internship, and are first in line for careers.
Program Highlights ➤ Six-year model; see page 10 for details
TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application and contact the school to schedule an interview.

THE REACH! PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL #341
2555 Harford Road | Northeast quadrant (443) 642-2291 | Serves grades 9 to 12
College? Career? Industry certification? At The Reach! Partnership School, operated by Civic Works, we prepare students for it all. With opportunities in dual enrollment, CTE programming, robust mentoring, award-winning athletics, robotics, and rigorous academics, there is something to meet the needs of every student. Our dedicated staff works with students as individuals to discover their passions and reach their highest potential.
Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; CTE (pathways in Construction and Development; and Health and Biosciences); Army JROTC; interscholastic sports; community school
TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application.
Program Highlights
In 2018-19, this school is located temporarily at 2815 Saint Lo Drive while its permanent building, located at the address above, is renovated as part of the 21st-Century School Buildings Plan. The REACH! Partnership School is scheduled to move to its permanent location (listed above) for the 2019–20 school year.

REGINALD F. LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL #419
401 Pioneer Drive | Northeast quadrant (410) 545-1746 | Serves grades 9 to 12
Reginald F. Lewis High School emphasizes the development of skills critical for success in college and in business and legal professions. We offer three career pathways: business, law, and agriculture. Each pathway offers specialized courses that give focus and relevance to students’ preparation for college and the world of work. Partnerships with legal and corporate employers, community organizations, parent groups and other external partners will expose students to professional opportunities and motivate academic excellence. Instruction in traditional subject areas will emphasize analytical thinking, problem solving, and the application of knowledge and skills to read world business and legal issues. Reginald F. Lewis has a wide variety of extracurricular activities that support positive youth development and genuine youth voice.
Program Highlights ➤ AP courses; CTE (pathways in Business, Management, and Finance; Environmental, Agriculture, and Natural Resources; and Human Resource Services); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports; community school
TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application.

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY #433
1301 McCulloh Street | Southwest quadrant (443) 984-3164 | Serves grades 9 to 12
Renaissance Academy prepares students for college and career through themed study in law, government, and justice. Academic highlights include an introduction to law course and an innovative homeland security program. Students are supported in a small school environment where they plan for post secondary options.
Program Highlights
Our school motto invites you to “Begin Your Quest.”
TO APPLY ➤ fill out the choice application.
The Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy graduates students who are academically and professionally prepared for the rigors of college and the 21st-century global workforce. The program is designed to engage, motivate, and prepare students for careers in the health professions. Students have the opportunity to select from a plethora of healthcare pathways.

**Program Highlights**
- CTE (Career Research and Development and pathways in Health and Biosciences; and Human Resource Services); interscholastic sports

**TO APPLY**
- fill out the choice application.

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Western High School, founded in 1844, is the oldest all-girls public high school in the nation and is one of the city's most distinguished institutions of learning. As a college preparatory high school, every student's course load will give her a strong academic foundation to successfully pursue a four year degree. The six academic programs at Western have been designed to provide opportunities for our students to develop and enhance their academic and artistic abilities in STEM, fine arts (including vocal music, dance, graphic design, and instrumental music), and information technology. Western also offers over 25 clubs, activities, and athletics that allow every girl to explore a wide variety of interests. With the guidance, assistance, and direction of our staff, students will acquire the skills to continue their education so they will lead this powerful nation and become viable citizens of the community. We are able to hold high the banner that proclaims our slogan, “Western, Only the Best.”

**Program Highlights**
- All-female student body; AP courses; honors courses; STEM focus; CTE (pathways in Health and Biosciences; Human Resource Services; Information Technology; and Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program; interscholastic sports

**TO APPLY**
- fill out the choice application; a minimum 610 composite score is required
IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START!

School choice isn’t just for 5th and 8th grade. When families and students start early to plan for middle and high school, they can have more options when the time comes to make a choice.

Simple things like joining after-school activities, visiting schools, talking to friends about the schools they go to, and learning about different program offerings are a great way for families of young children to get a head start. By exploring interests early on, families can find programs or schools that can build on those interests.

The most important thing for keeping options open is to have good attendance and do well in school and on tests, especially in the 4th and 7th grades. These factors are part of composite scores, which are used for placing students at entrance criteria schools. It’s also important to know that taking honors classes or advanced programs can make it easier to get into some schools, so plan ahead with your school counselor.