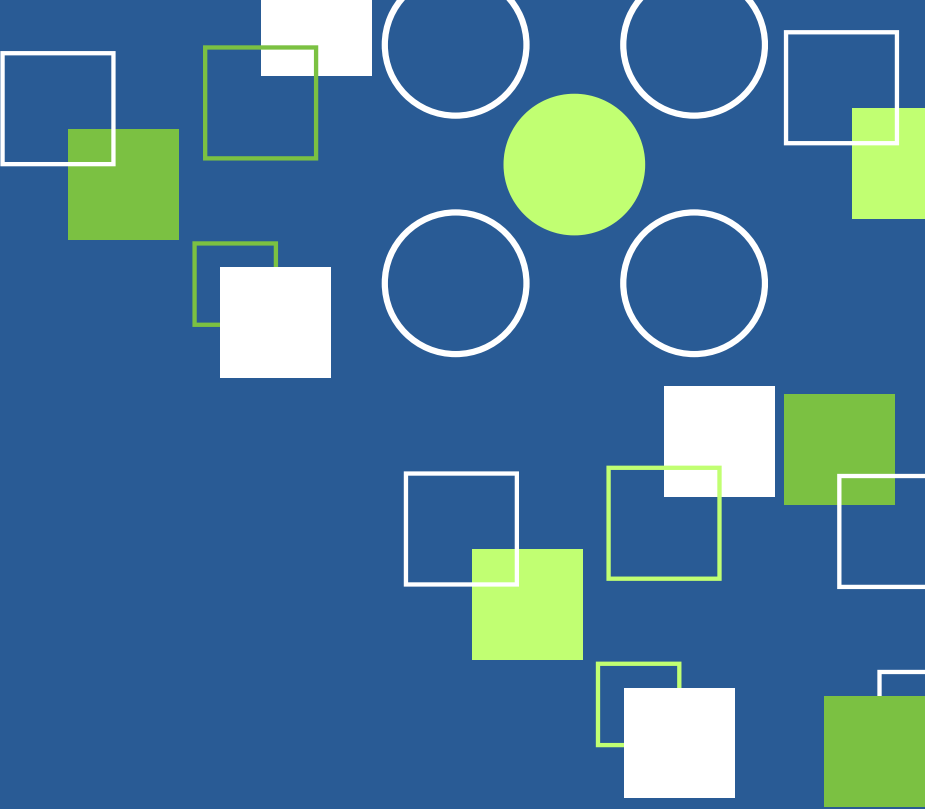




MAGNET PROGRAMS



WELCOME MAGNET NIGHT

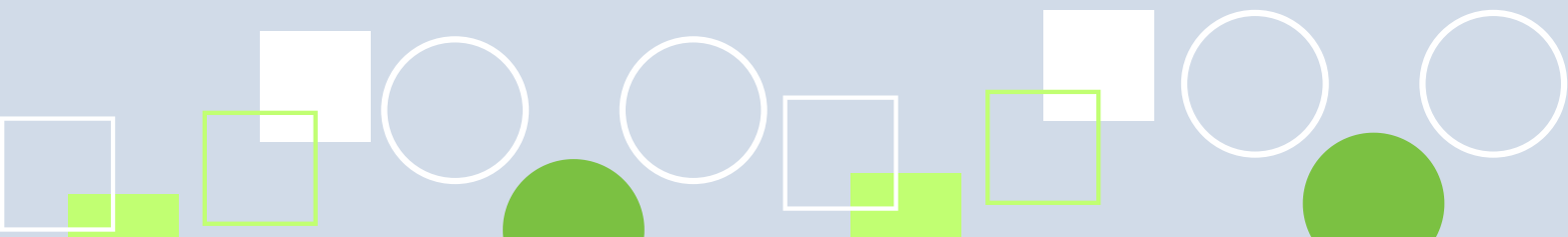
Students of Harford County now have more choices in high school to foster their passions, explore their interests, and develop lifelong skills for success beyond high school.

We welcome your questions and are here to guide you as you explore and determine if a Magnet Program is the best fit for you.

Magnet Information Night is an overview of each program. We invite you to attend our Open House events to learn about each unique program. During Open House events, you will meet the Coordinator, teachers, and students currently enrolled in the program and tour campus.

Once you have found your fit, visit our website to begin the application process before December 1st.

Thanks for joining us this evening.
We look forward to meeting you.





The Blueprint for Maryland's Future provides access to a rigorous and meaningful education that prepares students for success in college, career, and life. All students, regardless of family income, race, ethnicity, and/or ability shall have equitable access to new curricula and college and career pathways.



HCPS Magnet Programs fully align and support the county's North Star initiative. Participating students have opportunities to complete college-level work through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Career & Technology Education courses. Additionally, students can earn college credit through Dual Enrollment and other career credentials while in high school.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER

- Magnet Information Nights
- Middle School Visits
- Program Open House Events
- Online Application Window Opens October 1st



DECEMBER - JANUARY

- 11:59 PM December 3- Online Application Window Closes
- Review and Evaluation of Applicants



MARCH

- All candidates will be notified via email of application status.
- If offered a seat, please indicate whether you accept or decline.
- Declined seats will be offered to other applicants.



ADMISSION CRITERIA

Scholars may apply to a total of three Magnet Programs. For Harford Tech, choose only one program

Applicants will receive further communication from each Program Specialist, as appropriate, to indicate offer/acceptance status.

1. Academic achievement and performance in middle school

- Grades
- Standardized test scores
- Scholastic Reading Index (SRI)/Lexile scores
- Attendance rate

2. Demonstrated interest and motivation for learning:

- Teacher endorsements
- School and community involvement (Activity List)
- Responses to open-ended questions

Completion of ALGEBRA I in Middle School Required for:

- International Baccalaureate at Edgewood
- Science and Math Academy at Aberdeen
- Certified Nursing Assistant at Harford Technical
- Computer Aided Design and Drafting at Harford Technical
- Computer Aided Machining and Manufacturing at Harford Technical
- Sports Medicine and Exercise Science
- IT Networking Academy at Harford Technical



FAQ ANSWERED

1

If I need guidance accessing the application, who can I ask?

- Refer to the Guide to the Application.
- Schedule time with your School Counselor for assistance.

2

Can I apply to more than one program?

- Yes. You may apply for up to 3 programs.
- Only 1 of 3 applications may be for a Harford Tech program.

3

What if I change my mind and want to withdraw my application?

- You may retract your application online.

4

How do I know if my application(s) has been received?

- All information regarding your application will be communicated via email. Set your email to accept messages from webmaster@hcps.org as well as the Program Specialists to avoid messages going to Spam.

5

Can I fax/email/post mail my application?

- No. All applications will be submitted via the online portal.

6

How do I obtain teacher endorsements?

- The online application will automatically populate and email your teachers AFTER you submit a completed application.

7

If accepted, can I still participate in extra- and co-curricular activities

- Yes. You are fully immersed in the school community.

Continues on next page.





FAQ

ANSWERED *continued*

8

How can I improve my chances of being accepted into a Magnet program?

- Ensure your application is complete, your responses are complete and well-written, and you put forth your best effort in middle school.

9

I receive accommodations through an IEP or 504 Plan. Am I eligible?

- Yes, and services will continue as described in your plan.

10

I am currently on Home/Hospital Teaching. Am I eligible?

- Yes.

11

How will I find out about transportation?

- Please visit [HCPS Transportation](#) for the most current information.

12

If I enroll in a Magnet and dislike it, can I switch programs?

- Magnet Programs are a 4-year commitment. Students are not permitted to move between programs, but may elect to withdraw from the Magnet and return to their community schools.

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If a Magnet is offered at two or more sites, can I choose the location?

- No, you are applying to a program, not a school. For programs offered in multiple locations, seats are assigned at random.

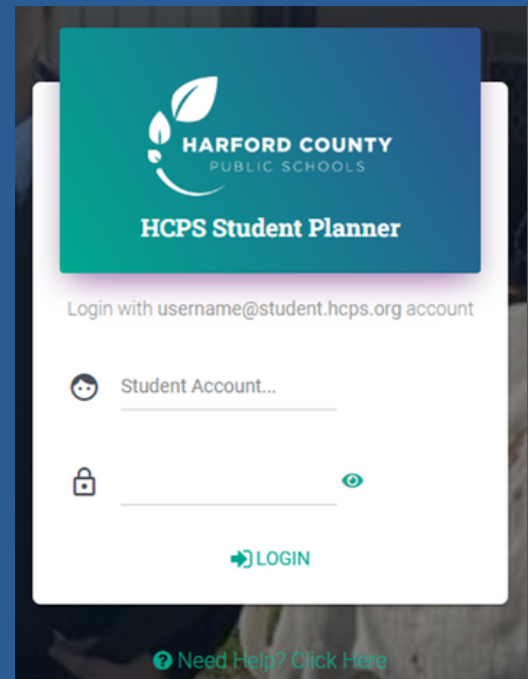
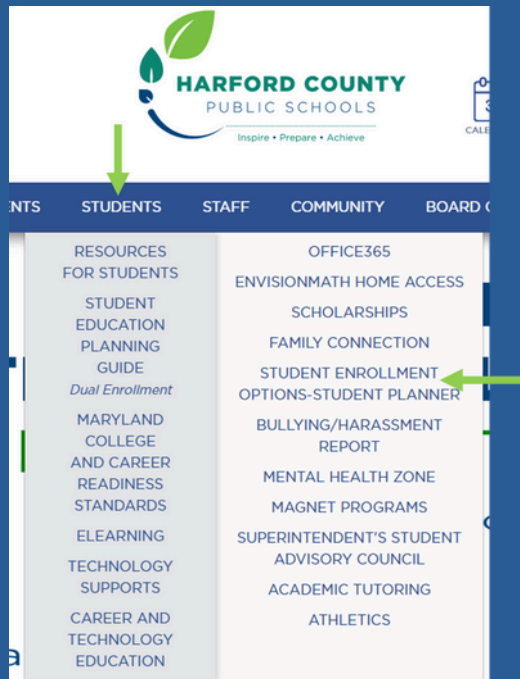
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What are my options if I am not accepted into a Magnet?

- You may enroll in any of the CTE programs offered in your neighborhood school, including Apprenticeship and Workforce Investment programs.
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GUIDE TO THE APPLICATION

- 1** Visit www.hcps.org. -->Students tab --> Student Planner OR Schools > Magnet Programs > Application
Non-HCPS users will be prompted to create an account.



- 2** HCPS Students: Your information will autofill. Verify it is correct or make edits.
Non-HCPS Students: Carefully and accurately enter all information to create your profile.

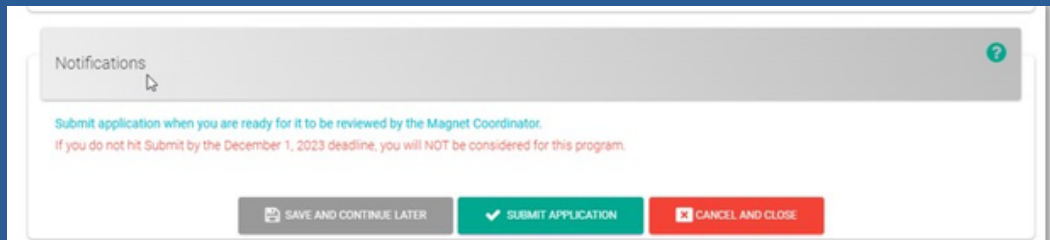
- You can access your application until 11:59 pm on December 3rd.
- Within your account, you can withdraw your application if you change your mind.
- Contact your School Counselor for assistance.



GUIDE TO THE APPLICATION *continued*

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You can SAVE your application and work on it over time. But remember to return to and SUBMIT it before the deadline.



4

TEACHER ENDORSEMENTS

HCPS students: Your teachers will autopopulate the application.
Non-HCPS students: Accurately enter teacher contact information.
The teacher endorsement is valid for all Programs to which you apply.

5

Submit a bulleted **ACTIVITY LIST** by **December 3rd**.

- This list only needs to be submitted once and is active for all programs to which you apply.
- Once you **SUBMIT** an Activity List, you cannot make changes to it.

6

Each Magnet you select will ask you to respond to open-ended prompts.

- All responses must be submitted by December 3rd.
- Changes to these responses cannot be made after submitting.

7

Click “**Submit Application**.” You may then return to the Home Page to apply to another program.

- You may apply to a maximum of 3 programs.
- Each application must be completed individually.

- For Harford Tech - choose ONE technical program.

- For NRAS - rank your pathways in order of preference.

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WE WANT TO **MEET** YOU

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MAGNET INFORMATION NIGHTS & MIDDLE SCHOOL VISITS

Repeat presentation, varying locations.
Choose the date and location best for you.



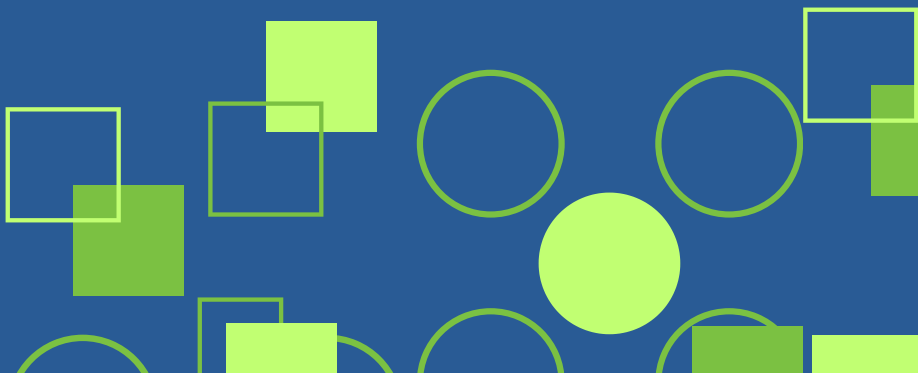
MAGNET OPEN HOUSES

Unique presentations.
Campus tours.
Meet current teachers & students.



CAPSTONE EVENTS

Celebrate Seniors throughout May.
Project presentations and awards.





COMMIT TO EXCELLENCE

Scholars enrolling in Magnet Programs must meet the academic and behavioral expectations of the Program and its hosting school.

HCPS is committed to bolstering student success and offers various avenues and supports to fulfill this commitment.

Please carefully review HCPS policies for academics and student conduct before applying.

Review this and other Magnet Program information at
<http://www.hcps.org/Schools/MagnetPrograms>

PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

Program	Available Seats	Specialist
Global Studies International Baccalaureate	50-60	Mrs. Laura Childs Jamie.Childs@hcps.org
Information Technology Oracle Academy	40-45	Mr. Rob Scott Robert.Scott@hcps.org
Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps	40	SFC (R) Joel Santana Joel.Santana@hcps.org
Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences	100; 25 per strand	Mr. Greg Murrell Gregory.Murrell@hcps.org
Pathways in Technology Early College High School	30	Dr. Shomari Zachary Shomari.Zachary@hcps.org



PROGRAM SPECIALISTS *continued*

Program	Seats Available	Specialist
Science and Math Academy	up to 55	Mrs. Sarah Ashley Sarah.Ashley@hcps.org
Teacher Academy of Maryland (+)	90	Mrs. Alissa Thomas Alissa.Thomas@hcps.org
Harford Technical High School	270; Varies by trade	Mrs. Jeanne Donlick Jeanne.Donlick@hcps.org
Workforce Investment (non-Magnet)	Varies by Certification	Mrs. Becky Pensero Rebecca.Pensero@hcps.org
Apprenticeship (non-Magnet)	Pending Available Jobs	Mr. Matt Johnstone Matthew.Johnstone@hcps.org
Coordinator of CTE, Magnet, and Signature Programs		Mrs. Katie Eckstein Katie.Eckstein@hcps.org
Supervisor of CTE, Magnet, and Signature Programs		Mr. Joe Connolly Joseph.Connolly@hcps.org