

Prince George's County Board of Education | Prince George's County Public Schools

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS



2012-2013

LOTTERY BROCHURE AND APPLICATION

Biotechnology | Creative & Performing Arts | French Immersion | Montessori | Talented and Gifted | Public Charter Schools

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2012

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Special Programs Brochure and Lottery Application available in public schools, Area Offices, public libraries, and online at www.pgcps.org.
- **January 12:** TAG testing application for Non-Public Private School Students due to TAG Office by 5 p.m.
- **January 17:** Program Showcase, Charles H. Flowers High School, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Snow Date: January 24)

FEBRUARY

- **February 18:** Private Testing for Non-Public/Private School Students, Kenmoor Middle School. Only applicants will be tested, no walk-ins (Snow Date: February 25)

MARCH

- **March 1:** Sibling application deadline
- **March 16: LOTTERY APPLICATION DEADLINE**, 5 p.m., Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries

APRIL

- **April 10: LOTTERY DRAWING**, 10 a.m., Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries

APRIL–AUGUST

- Placement/Response/Wait List notifications mailed

SEPTEMBER

- **September 30:** Final placements from Wait List

Specialty Programs and Public Charter Schools Lottery Brochure and Application

Lottery Application Process

The Prince George's County Public Schools offer alternative means within the existing public school system to provide innovative learning opportunities and creative approaches to fulfill educational objectives for students.

Specialty programs provide a range of learning or unique subjects, activities and/or learning opportunities as an enhancement of choice for our community. Special program choices include Biotechnology, Creative and Performing Arts, French Immersion, Montessori, and Talented and Gifted. Public Charter Schools are nonsectarian, chosen by parents, and open to all students on a space-available basis. Enrollment in Specialty Programs and Public Charter Schools is open to all students who are residents of Prince George's County.

Specialty Programs have specific boundaries. School assignment through lottery is based upon a student's home address. Public Charter Schools do not have an attendance area boundary. Families may select their school(s) of choice directly on the lottery application regardless of residence.

Space limitations require that admission to the Program/School be governed by a random placement lottery. Lottery placement provides the strongest guarantee of equity in access.

The computerized lottery system will assign a random number to each application. Applications are sorted based on this randomly assigned number and assigned a sequential number. The lowest random number gets number one, the next lowest number two, and so forth. Applications are then sorted by program. Program/school assignments are based upon space availability.

Availability differs by grade level, Specialty Program and Public Charter School. When all available slots are filled, other applications are given a waiting list number based on their Specialty Program/Public Charter School choice, grade level, and sequence number. Openings are limited in all Specialty Programs/Public Charter Schools.

Submission of an application is not a guarantee of placement. The application form permits no more than two Specialty Program/Public Charter School choices per student. If two Specialty Program/Public Charter School choices are selected, each choice will be treated equally and placement will be made according to the first available opening. Placement is granted for one Specialty Program/Public Charter School choice only. The other selection is no longer an option.

The lottery will be held on April 10, 2012. Announcement of student selection will not be made at that time. Students selected through the lottery will be notified by mail. Assignments will be made from the waiting list through September 30, 2012. Waiting lists will not carry over to the following school year.

Note: Charter schools may conduct a separate lottery for admission. In such instances, a separate application process and schedule may be applied. Please contact the school of interest to determine which application process will apply.

2012 Lottery Brochure and Application

Application/Selection/ Notification Process

1. Students must be county residents and have a valid student identification number in order to complete the lottery application. Applications will not be processed without this number. Follow the instructions below to obtain the Student Identification Number:
 - **For students CURRENTLY attending Prince George's County Public Schools:**
 - Locate the student number on your child's report card, or go to your child's current school and obtain the student identification number from the Registrar.
 - **For students NEW to the school system:**
 - Parents and/or legal guardians may obtain a Student ID Number by going to their attendance boundary school with the following documents: proof of residence and birth certificate. Inform the Registrar that you need a Student ID Number to complete the lottery application.
 - **Former students who are no longer attending or already have an ID number:**
 - Parent or Legal Guardian should make sure their address and contact information is up to date by going to their boundary school and providing new proof of residency.
2. When completing an application, it is important to complete every section; failure to do so may hinder the processing of your application.
3. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on March 16, 2012. Applications received after the deadline **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
4. The lottery drawing will be held April 10, 2012.
5. Placement notifications will be mailed to parents beginning the fourth week of April.
6. A waiting list will be established for those applicants not placed in a Specialty Program/Public Charter School via the lottery. The waiting list remains active until September 30, 2012, at which time it expires.
7. Once a student is enrolled in a Specialty Program/Public Charter School, that student will not have to compete for his/her seat through the lottery for that program/charter school again.



2012 Specialty Programs

*Seats are limited in all programs and school sites.
Submission of an application is not a guarantee of placement.*

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Creative and Performing Arts program is designed to develop the interests and talents of students in the arts and at the same time enhance the academic discipline through an interdisciplinary approach stressing creativity, artistic expression, and culture. The enhanced disciplinary academic program encourages creative and artistic expression, as well as self-discipline, focus and critical thinking skills. Experiences and training are designed to challenge and develop artistic skills – and 21st century skills – of all students as well as to provide exceptional opportunities for the artistically-talented child.

NOTE: Kindergarten through 5th grade students enter by the **lottery** process. Students in grades 6th – 8th enter the program through **audition, requiring a different application.**

Questions regarding the Creative and Performing Arts Program **audition process and application** should be directed to the Creative Arts Office at 301-808-8317.

FRENCH IMMERSION

The French Immersion Program is a full immersion model where all academic subjects are taught in the French language in Kindergarten – 8th grade. The 9th-12th continuation is at Central High School.

French-speaking teachers immerse students completely in French as they learn the Prince George's County Public Schools curriculum in mathematics, science, social studies and Language Arts. English Reading/Language Arts instruction begins in 2nd grade.



French Immersion students meet the prerequisites to apply to the International Baccalaureate Program as they matriculate to high school.

NOTE: Admission is limited to students entering Kindergarten only. Students must be 5 years of age by September 1 to enter Kindergarten.

Questions regarding curriculum and instruction in the French Immersion program should be directed to the World Languages Office at 301-808-8265. Students interested in available seats in first through eighth grades should contact the Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300 before June 1, 2012.

MONTESSORI

Montessori schools provide an interdisciplinary, discovery-based approach to learning presented in multi-age learning environments designed to meet the needs of the child at each stage of development.

Primary students, ages 3 to 6, are guided in developing coordination, concentration, a sense of order and independence.

Elementary students, ages 6 to 12, learn through interdisciplinary, hands-on activities.

Middle school students pursue rigorous studies in all core courses and experiences designed to help them delve into the interconnections of ideas and events.

NOTE: Entry is limited to preschool students who will be age 3 or 4 by September 1. Students in kindergarten – 8th grade may apply only if they are currently enrolled in a certified Montessori school.

Preschool students do not begin the first day of school, but are gradually introduced to the program during the first few weeks. New 4-year-old students attend half days for the first two weeks of school and are contacted by the teacher for their special induction day.

2012 Specialty Programs (cont.)

The 3-year-old program is a half-day program; no transportation is provided. Four-year-olds who demonstrate the requisite maturity attend the full-day program. Transportation is provided for the 4-year-old program.

Students are accepted on a probationary status for the first eight weeks, beginning with the day they become active participants in the class. All 3- and 4-year-olds must be fully-independent in dressing themselves and using toilets, and available every school day.

Questions regarding the Montessori program should be directed to 301-808-8315.

TALENTED AND GIFTED

The TAG Center Program provides TAG-identified students with full-day advanced, enriched, accelerated educational experiences to meet the unique and specialized instructional, social, and emotional needs of gifted learners. At this time PGcps has eight elementary TAG Centers and three middle school TAG Centers.

NOTE: Students must be TAG-identified in order to participate in the program. If your child is not yet identified as TAG, but is in the process of being screened, you may select TAG on your application. Students must be identified and coded TAG before lottery placement occurs.

For more program information, visit the TAG website at www1.pgcps.org/tag. Contact the TAG Office at Walker Mill Middle School in Capitol Heights at 301-808-3790.

BIOTECHNOLOGY (Application Open for Rising 9th Graders Only)

The Biotechnology Program offers a four-year college preparatory program of study in biotechnology, biochemistry, and technical career training that includes scanning electron microscopy.

Students will gain first-hand experience with the advanced technologies used in biotechnology research, academia and industry. Computers will support classroom instruction as well as student-initiated research projects.

A broader understanding of the role of science and its impact on the responsibility of society will be the focus of an upper-level seminar class – Science, Technology and Society.

For more information, contact the program coordinators:
Fairmont Heights High School,
301-925-1360

Largo High School, 301-808-8880

Sibling Application Availability

For students who gained entry to a Charter/Specialty Program through the lottery, Prince George's County Public Schools provides special consideration for siblings into the same program at entry-level. Entry level is defined as Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 2, or Grade 9 depending on the program. Early entry options do not apply to Charter/Specialty Program placements. If parents have children other than entry-level that wish to participate in the Charter/Specialty Program, they must apply through the regular lottery application process. Siblings who are currently participating in a Specialty Program are not eligible for a sibling placement preference and any accep-

tance removes options for future sibling placements.

A sibling is a brother or sister by blood, marriage, or adoption living in the same household. Friends, cousins or two separate families living under the same roof do not qualify as siblings. The older sibling must continue attending the same Charter/Specialty Program for the 2012-2013 school year. A current Charter/Specialty Program student who is in grade 6, 8, or 12 in the 2011-2012 school year cannot bring in a sibling, with the exception of 6th grade students enrolled in a K-8 school.

Siblings must complete a sibling application, which can only be obtained by contacting the specialty school of the already-enrolled student. This consideration is made on a space-available basis and only under certain conditions. The application deadline is March 1, 2012.

OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The following programs require separate applications not related to the lottery placement process.

- **Biomedical (Transportation is not provided.)**
- **Center for the Visual and Performing Arts**
- **International Baccalaureate Program**
- **Creative and Performing Arts:**
 - **Benjamin Foulois, Grades 6–8**
 - **Hyattsville Middle School, Grades 7–8**
 - **Thomas Pullen, Grades 6–8**

Applications are located online at www.pgcps.org.

2012 Public Charter Schools

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CHESAPEAKE MATH INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: 6 – 8

Hours: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Mission: In partnership with students, parents and the community, CMIT will attain educational excellence by providing a rigorous and technology-integrated education for middle and high school students with an emphasis on mathematics, science, and information technologies.

Vision: The vision of CMIT is to provide multiple opportunities for Prince George's County youth to prepare for post-secondary education in a variety of fields of study in order to pursue professional careers. CMIT will enable all students to achieve their maximum potential by equipping and empowering them with analytical thinking and quantitative reasoning skills.

Program: CMIT Academy's program will be based on CSP's rigorous and highly successful academic program. An additional unique characteristic of CMIT Academy will be rigorous hands-on educational experiences in information technologies that target advanced IT certifications. Other key elements of CMIT Academy's innovative program are STEM integration, hands-on and project-based learning, student-centered learning, technology-integrated learning experiences, computer-assisted instruction, digital storytelling, and performance drills and practices.

EXCEL ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: K – 8

Hours: 8 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Mission: The mission of EXCEL Academy Public Charter School is to provide a standards-based, holistic, college-preparatory education for children in grades K through 8.

Vision: The Vision of EXCEL Academy PCS is to provide quality choice in public education to a chosen, gifted generation.

Program:

- College-prep curriculum
- Small class sizes
- Highly-qualified and motivated teachers
- Foreign language classes
- Uniform policy
- Reading recovery program
- Physical education program
- Vocal music program
- Science lab technology infusion
- Art integration
- Academic tutoring and enrichment
- Morning and afternoon extended-day program
- Fine arts curriculum
- Violin program/Annual Evening at the Gallery
- Award-winning chorus
- Award-winning ballroom dancers
- Step team
- Shakespeare Steps Out/Annual Folgers Theater Festival

TURNING POINT ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: K – 8

Hours: 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mission: To establish an educational structure and culture that inspires children, parents and teachers to give their best, pursue their destiny and develop their unique potential.

Vision: To provide a state-of-the-art learning environment designed to unite families and school to support and challenge our children to reach their unique potential.

Program: Turning Point Public Charter School is built on the belief that every person has a unique potential and larger purpose in life, and that character growth is key to exposing that potential and purpose. The Hyde Process is the foundation upon which Turning Point was founded. There are four pillars that drive how we create a culture and structure for inspiring excellence of our staff and students: Academic Rigor, Family Renewal, Character Education and Community Involvement. Our programs and services feature the following to support our Hyde Program:

- College preparation
- Hyde character education program
- Discovery groups
- Family weekends and retreats
- Parent partnership agreements
- Tracking and evaluating personal growth

2012 Public Charter Schools (cont.)

IMAGINE ANDREWS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: K – 5

IMAGINE FOUNDATIONS I PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: K – 8

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

IMAGINE FOUNDATIONS II PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: K – 3

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

IMAGINE LINCOLN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: K – 8

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Mission: The mission of Prince George's County Imagine Schools is to create excellent educational opportunities for the families of Prince George's County through dynamic leadership, outstanding classroom instruction, and continuous improvement.

Vision: We envision a flourishing network of public schools that nurtures the overall growth of each student and prepares them to be leaders in a global society by creating vibrant places to teach, learn, and grow with rigorous standards and a relentless focus on results.

Program: Prince George's County Imagine Schools currently operates four public charter schools, providing a challenging learning environment for students in Kindergarten - Grade 8. Although our campuses vary in size and structure, all adhere to the belief that providing every child with a world-



class education is the single most effective way to achieve individual life opportunities and a better society. Schools include:

- Imagine Andrews Public Charter School
- Imagine Foundations Public Charter School
- Imagine Foundations II Public Charter School
- Imagine Lincoln Public Charter School

Prince George's Imagine Schools are part of Imagine Schools, a national family of public charter schools that empowers educators in partnership with parents to prepare students for lives of leadership, accomplishment, and character. Imagine operates 75 campuses in 12 states and the District of Columbia. We serve 40,000 students nationwide by providing them with a challenging, effective program of academic study and strong moral development in a safe, nurturing environment.

Imagine Schools is dedicated to helping parents and guardians fulfill the important responsibility for the education of their children. We operate Imag-

ine charter school campuses where we teach, love, set examples, and have fun! Talented teachers and leaders join Imagine Schools because they sense the hope and energy of those who are driven, passionate, and determined. Parents recognize the special spirit of our campuses and students are excited to be part of schools where they are encouraged to take on new challenges, to explore new concepts, and to become people of character. For more information, visit www.imagineschools.com.

The Prince George's County Imagine Schools are open to all children living in Prince George's County and they are tuition-free. In order to enroll your child, you must apply through our online lottery process.

[The Lottery Online Application Form for School Year 2012-2013](#) will be available beginning January 3 and will remain open through March 31. The lottery will be held on Friday, April 6. All parents/guardians will receive letters informing them of each child's status (accepted or wait-listed) beginning the week of April 16.

2012 Schools Directory

DEPARTMENT OF PUPIL ACCOUNTING AND SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

14201 School Lane, Room 211, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 301-952-6300

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Fairmont Heights High School, 1401 Nye Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 301-925-1360

Largo High School, 505 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 301-808-8880

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Benjamin Foulois, 4601 Beauford Road, Suitland, MD 20746..... 301-817-0300

Hyattsville Middle School, 6001 42nd Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781 301-209-5830

Thomas G. Pullen, 700 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20786..... 301-808-8160

FRENCH IMMERSION

Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 301-499-7080

John Hanson, 6360 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 301-749-4780

Robert Goddard, 9850 Good Luck Road, Seabrook, MD 20706 301-918-8660

World Languages Office, 9201 East Hampton Dr. Capitol Heights, MD 20743..... 301-808-8265

MONTESSORI

John Hanson, 6360 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 301-749-4052

Judith Hoyer, 2300 Belleview Avenue, Cheverly, MD 20785..... 301-925-1986

Montessori Office, 9201 East Hampton Dr., Capital Heights, MD 20743 301-808-8315

Robert Goddard, 9850 Good Luck Road, Seabrook, MD 20706 301-918-3515

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

EXCEL Academy Public Charter School, 5811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD 20737 301-277-5320

Chesapeake Math IT (CMIT) Academy Public Charter School, 6100 Frost Pl, Laurel, MD 20707 301-350-6051

Imagine Andrews, 4798 San Antonio Blvd, AAFB, MD 20762..... 301-350-6000

Imagine Foundations I, 14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774..... 301-808-4003

Imagine Foundations II, 6900 Ames St SE, Morningside, MD 20746 301-817-0544

Imagine Lincoln, 4207 Norcross Street, Temple Hills, MD 20748..... 301-808-5600

Turning Point Academy, 7800 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD 20706 301-552-0164

TALENTED AND GIFTED

Accokeek Academy, 14600 Berry Road, Accokeek, MD 20607..... 301-203-1140

Capitol Heights Elementary School, 601 Suffolk Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 301-817-0494

Glenarden Woods Elementary School, 9801 Echols Avenue, Glenarden, MD 20706 301-925-1300

Heather Hills Elementary School, 12605 Heming Lane, Bowie, MD 20716..... 301-805-2730

Kenmoor Elementary School, 3211 82nd Avenue, Landover, MD 20785 301-925-1970

Kenmoor Middle School, 2500 Kenmoor Drive, Landover, MD 20785..... 301-925-2300

Longfields Elementary School, 3300 Newkirk Avenue, Foresville, MD 20747 301-817-0455

Oakcrest Elementary School, 929 Hill Road, Landover, MD 20786 301-808-8870

TAG Office, 800 Karen Blvd., Capitol Heights, MD 20743 301-808-3790

Valley View Elementary School, 5500 Danby Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 301-749-4350

Walker Mill Middle School, 800 Karen Blvd., Capitol Heights, MD 20743 301-808-4055

Prince George's County Public Schools Public Charter School Lottery Application School Year 2012-2013

IMPORTANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Participation is subject to seat availability at individual charter school. If you are interested in applying, please complete the application using one of the following methods: (1) Submit the application directly to the charter school of your choice; or (2) Visit the individual charter school's website for details and instruction for application entry, lottery submission and specific deadlines.

DO NOT MAIL or SUBMIT this application to Prince George's County Public Schools

You may contact the individual charter school of your choice for specific directions on how to apply to the lottery and information about seat availability.

If your child is currently attending a charter school, you need not reapply, unless you wish to attend a different charter school for the 2012-2013 school year.

CHESAPEAKE MIT Academy Public Charter School

Grades: 6-8
Focus: Math, Information & Technology
Address: 6100 Frost Place
Laurel, MD 20707
Phone: 301-350-6051
Website: www.cmitacademy.org

EXCEL Academy Public Charter School

Grades: K-8
Focus: Calvert Curriculum & College Preparatory
Address: 5811 Riverdale Road
Riverdale, MD 20737
Phone: 301-277-5320
Website: www.excelacademy pcs.org

Turning Point Public Charter School

Grades: K-8
Focus: Character Education (HYDE)
Address: 7800 Good Luck Road
Lanham, MD 20706
Phone: 301-552-0164
Website: www1.pgcps.org/turningpoint

Imagine Andrews

Grades: K-5
Focus: Core Knowledge
Address: Andrew Air Force Base
Camp Springs, MD
Phone: 301-350-6000
Website: www.imagineandrews.org

Imagine Foundation I

Grades: K-8
Focus: Core Knowledge
Address: 1411 Oak Grove Rd
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Phone: 301-808-4003
Website: www.imaginefoundations.org

Imagine Foundation II

Grades: K-3
Focus: Core Knowledge
Address: 6900 Ames Street
Morningside, MD 20723
Phone: 301-817-0544
Website: www.imaginefoundations2.org

Imagine Lincoln

Grades: K-8
Focus: Core Knowledge
Address: 4207 Norcross Street
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Phone: 301-808-5600
Website: www.imaginelincoln.org

Directions: Submit application directly to the charter school of your choice.
(Please print legibly or type, thank you.)

Student Information

Student Identification Number (From PGCPSS)
(mandatory)

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LAST Name

FIRST Name

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Date of Birth

Gender

Month Day Year

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Male Female

Current Grade _____

Grade for 2011-2012 School Year _____

Prior School Attended _____

Name

Location

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

LAST Name

FIRST Name

MI

Legal Residence:

House Number/Apt #

Street Name

City

Zip Code

Telephone Contact:

Home

Cell

Other

Email contact

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Note: Please retain a copy of this application for your files before submitting to the charter school.



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