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 unique learning subjects, activities and/or learning opportunities as an enhancement of choice for our community. Specialty 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. All 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 choices per student. If two Specialty Program 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 March 25, 2013. 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, 2013. 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.

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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 (ID) 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 ID 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: original proof of residence and original 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 11, 2013. Applications received after the deadline WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

4. The lottery drawing will be held March 25, 2013.

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, 2013, 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.
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Creative and Performing Arts program is designed to develop the interests and talents of students in the arts and 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, develop artistic skills and 21st century skills for 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 6th – 8th grades 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-immersion 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 high school International Baccalaureate Program.

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 in 1st - 8th grades that are interested in available seats should contact the Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300 before June 1, 2013.

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

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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 full-day 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.
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 to attend 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 7 elementary TAG Centers and 4 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.

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**BIOTECHNOLOGY** *(Application Open for Rising 9th Graders Only)*
The Biotechnology Program offers a four-year college preparatory program 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 Specialty/Charter Program through the lottery, Prince George’s County Public Schools provides special consideration for siblings applying to the same program at entry-level. Entry-level is defined as Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 2nd grade or 9th grade depending on the program. Early entry options do not apply to Specialty/Charter Program placements. If parents have children other than entry-level that wish to participate in the Specialty/Charter 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 acceptance 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 Specialty/Charter Program for the 2013-2014 school year. A Specialty/Charter Program student who is currently in the 5th, 8th, or 12th grade in the 2012-2013 school year cannot bring in a sibling, with the exception of 5th grade students enrolled in a K-8 school.

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**OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS**
The following programs require separate applications not related to the lottery placement process.

- Center for the Visual and Performing Arts at Suitland
- 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.
2013 Public Charter Schools

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

COLLEGE PARK ACADEMY
Grades: 6 – 7
Hours: TBD
Approved for grades 6-12
College Park Academy Public Charter School aims to combine advanced academic study with cutting edge learning techniques to provide students the opportunity to graduate from high school with college credits while thriving in a learning environment that adapts to students needs. A college-preparatory curriculum will align with Maryland State and common core standards. Students will be taught through a blended learning approach that will maximize the impact of technology through the best practices of both instructional and curriculum strategies.

CHESAPEAKE MATH AND INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY
Grades: 6 – 9
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 is based on Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School’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.

PROGRAMS:
- 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

TURNING POINT ACADEMY
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 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
2013 Public Charter Schools (cont.)

**IMAGINE ANDREWS**
Grades: K – 6  
Hours: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**IMAGINE FOUNDATIONS AT LEELAND**
Grades: K – 8  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

**IMAGINE FOUNDATIONS AT MORNINGSIDE**
Grades: K – 4  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

**IMAGINE LINCOLN**
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.

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 Imagine 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 who are Prince George’s County residents. In order to enroll your child, you must apply through our online lottery process.
2013 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
Creative Arts Programs, 9201 East Hampton Drive, Capital Heights, MD 20743 .......................... 301-808-8317
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
World Languages Office, 9201 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743 ...................... 301-808-8265
Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 .............................. 301-499-7080
John Hanson, 2000 Calloway Street, Temple Hills, MD 20748 ................................................ 301-702-3950
Robert Goddard, 9850 Good Luck Road, Seabrook, MD 20706 ................................................. 301-918-8660

MONTESSORI
Montessori Office, 9201 East Hampton Drive, Capital Heights, MD 20743 .............................. 301-808-8315
John Hanson, 6360 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 ............................................................. 301-749-4052
Judith Hoyer, 929 Hill Road, Landover, MD 20786 ........................................................................ 301-808-4421
Robert Goddard, 9850 Good Luck Road, Seabrook, MD 20706 ................................................. 301-918-3515

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
College Park Academy ............................................................................................................ www.collgeparkacademy.com
EXCEL Academy Public Charter School, 7910 Scott Road, Landover, MD 20785 ................. 301-925-2320
Chesapeake Math IT (CMIT) Academy Public Charter School, 6100 Frost Place, Laurel, MD 20707 ... 301-350-6051
Imagine Andrews, 4798 San Antonio Boulevard, AAFB, MD 20762 .......................... 301-350-6000
Imagine Foundations At Leeland, 14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 .................. 301-808-4003
Imagine Foundations At Morningside, 6900 Ames Street 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
TAG Office, 800 Karen Boulevard, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 .................................................... 301-808-3790
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, 7801 Glenarden Parkway, Glenarden, MD 20706 ........ 301-925-1300
Greenbelt Middle School, 6301 Breezewood Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 .......................... 301-513-5040
Heather Hills Elementary School, 12605 Heming Lane, Bowie, MD 20716 ............................ 301-805-2730
Highland Park Elementary, 6501 Lowland Drive, Landover, MD 20785 ............................. 301-333-0980
Kenmoor Middle School, 2500 Kenmoor Drive, Landover, MD 20785 ...................................... 301-925-2300
Longfields Elementary School, 3300 Newkirk Avenue, Foresville, MD 20747 ..................... 301-817-0455
Valley View Elementary School, 5500 Danby Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 ....................... 301-749-4350
Walker Mill Middle School, 800 Karen Boulevard, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 ............... 301-808-4055
Prince George's County Public Schools
2013-2014 Specialty Programs
Student Lottery Application

(Application Deadline: March 11, 2013)

STUDENT INFORMATION
(Applications submitted without a valid Student ID number will not be processed for placement.)

LAST Name | FIRST Name | MI
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Gender

- Male
- Female

Expected Grade Level for 2013–2014 (No Early Entrance Options)

- Kindergarten
- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth
- Sixth
- Seventh
- Eighth
- Ninth

School currently attending, School Year 2012–2013:

- Mark this box if your child has been a student in Prince George’s County Public Schools prior to the current school year.

PARENT OR COURT APPOINTED LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) | FIRST Name | LAST Name
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Home | Work | Extension

Parent’s/Court Appointed Legal Guardian’s Address: (Only needed if a change is expected before August—documentation will be required at registration.)

- House Number
- Street Name
- Apartment #
- City
- State
- Zip Code

IMPORTANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Submit either the Online Application or a Paper Application. Do Not Submit Both.
- You must obtain a valid student identification number or your application will be voided.

For students (New, Former or already have an ID) not currently attending a Prince George’s County Public School, parents and/or legal guardians may obtain a Student ID Number or update their address by going to their attendance boundary school with the following documents: proof of residence and birth certificate. Inform the Registrar that you need to update the address on file and/or obtain a Student ID Number to complete this lottery application.

If your child is currently attending a Prince George’s County Public School, 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.

Lottery school assignments are final and based on residence and space availability.

- If your child is currently enrolled in a specialty school program, use this form only if you wish to change to a different specialty program.
- Signature of parent or legal guardian indicates the information given is true. Any misrepresentation may result in the student’s exit from the assigned specialty school.

Select no more than two program choices

Elementary School Programs

- Creative and Performing Arts
- French Immersion—Apply only for students entering Kindergarten. (Must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2013)
- Montessori—Apply only for pre-school students who will be age 3 or age 4 by September 1, 2013. Students entering K through 8 can apply only with current full-day, certified Montessori experience.
- Talented and Gifted—Students must be TAG identified in order to participate in this program. (Grades 2–5)

Middle School Programs

- Talented and Gifted—Students must be TAG identified in order to participate in this program (Grades 6 - 8).

High School Programs—Rising 9th Graders Only

- Biotechnology
 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 2013-2014 school year.

College Park Academy
Grades: 6-7
Focus: TBD
Address: TBD
Phone: TBD
Website: www.collegerparkacademy.com

EXCEL Academy
Public Charter School
Grades: K-8
Focus: Calvert Curriculum & College Preparatory
Address: 7910 Scott Rd.
Riverdale, MD 20785
Phone: 301-925-2320
Website: www.excelacademypcs.org

Imagine Andrews
Grades: K-6
Focus: Core Knowledge
Address: Andrew Air Force Base
Camp Springs, MD
Phone: 301-350-6000
Website: www.imagineandrews.org

Imagine Lincoln
Grades: K-4
Focus: Core Knowledge
Address: 4207 Norcross Street
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Phone: 301-808-5600
Website: www.imaginelincoln.org

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LOTTERY NOTIFICATION

The lottery for charter schools will no longer be managed by Prince George’s County Public Schools. Each charter will conduct its own lottery in accordance with Administrative Procedure 3506.2. Parents may contact the charter school of their choice to enroll in the lottery process.

Charter School Lottery Timeline Process

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CHESAPEAKE Math & IT Academy
Grades: 6-9
Focus: Math, Information & Technology
Address: 6100 Frost Place
Laurel, MD 20707
Phone: 301-350-6051
Website: www.cmmitacademy.org

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

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