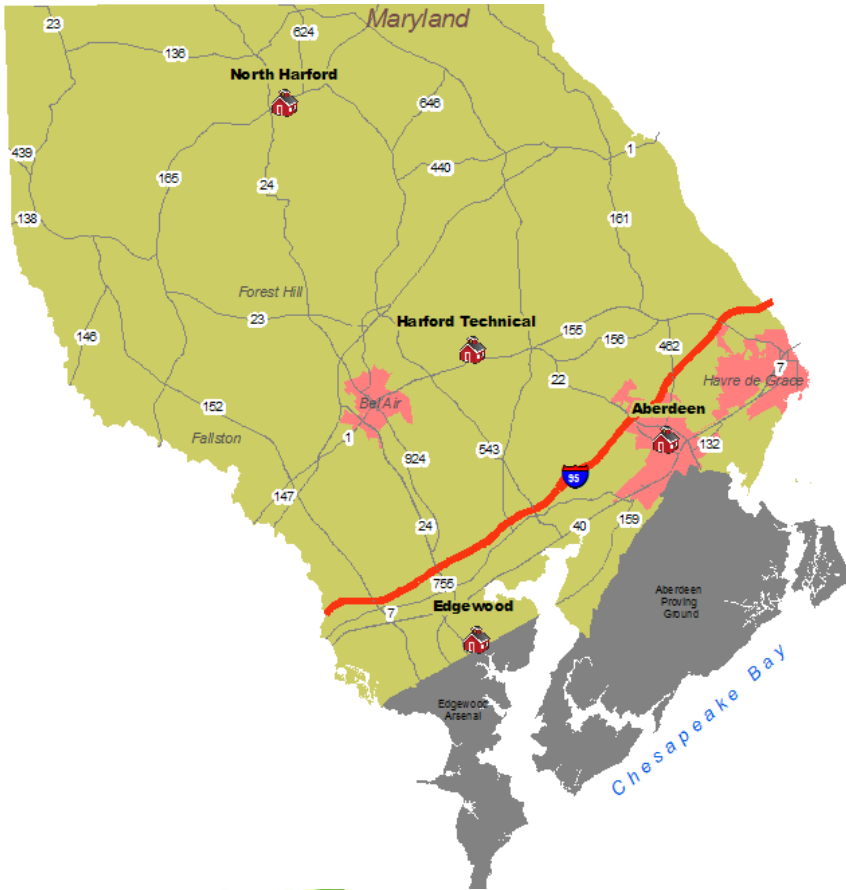
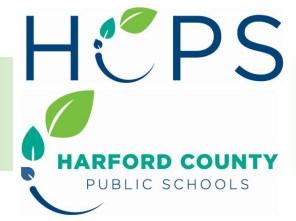


Magnet Program/School Locations in Harford County



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Parent and Student  
 Informational Guide to  
**MAGNET PROGRAMS**  
 2018-2019



**Global Studies and  
 International Baccalaureate  
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**Harford Technical High School**



**Natural Resources and Agricultural  
 Sciences  
 North Harford High School**



**Science and Mathematics Academy  
 at Aberdeen High School**

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## Welcome Parents, and Congratulations, Students!

You have come to an important point in your education. Now is the time when you have some very important choices to make about your high school studies, and it begins with finding out more about what's available.

The magnet program video offers you some introductory, yet critical, information about the options you have for high school study.

You are very fortunate - all 8th graders in Harford County have more choices than ever, including:

- **Global Studies / International Baccalaureate**  
Edgewood High School
- **Harford Technical High School**
- **Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences**  
North Harford High School
- **Science and Mathematics Academy**  
Aberdeen High School

Explore your options, starting with this guidebook and the information in the video, to find which program is right for you!



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**Open House Dates**

Open House is designed to give parents and students an in-depth look at the specific Magnet Program offered at that school. You will have the opportunity to hear more about the curriculum, meet teachers, students and parents currently involved with the Magnet Program, and see the school facilities. All questions regarding Open House events should be directed to the appropriate Program Specialists.

**Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences**

*(North Harford High School)*

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

Program Specialist: Mr. Greg Murrell  
410-638-3650 [gregory.murrell@hcps.org](mailto:gregory.murrell@hcps.org)

**Science and Mathematics Academy**

*(Aberdeen High School)*

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Program Specialist: Mrs. Sarah Ashley  
410-273-5500 [sarah.ashley@hcps.org](mailto:sarah.ashley@hcps.org)

**Harford Technical High School**

**Thursday, November 1, 2018**

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. School-wide

Program Specialist: Mrs. Jeanne Donlick  
410-638-3804 [Jeanne.Donlick@hcps.org](mailto:Jeanne.Donlick@hcps.org)

**Global Studies and International Baccalaureate**

*(Edgewood High School)*

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Program Specialist: Mrs. Laura Childs  
410-612-1500 [Jaime.Childs@hcps.org](mailto:Jaime.Childs@hcps.org)

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## ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications will be available on-line at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) beginning **October 19, 2018**.

### **TIMELINE**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| December 1, 2018        | Closing date for applications   |
| January - February 2019 | Evaluation of candidates*   |
| Feb. 11—15, 2019        | Notification sent to all applicants   |
| March 1, 2019           | Families make final decision on program selection and notify appropriate Program Specialist(s). |

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### ***Global Studies and International Baccalaureate (GSIB)***

Edgewood High School  
2415 Willoughby Beach Road  
Edgewood, MD 21040  
410-612-1500

Program Specialist: Laura Childs  
[Jaime.Childs@hcps.org](mailto:Jaime.Childs@hcps.org)  
Principal: Mr. K. Mack

#### ***Harford Technical High School (HTHS)***

200 Thomas Run Road  
Bel Air, MD 21015  
410-638-3804

Program Specialist: Jeanne Donlick  
[Jeanne.Donlick@hcps.org](mailto:Jeanne.Donlick@hcps.org)  
Principal: Mr. J. Collins

#### ***Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences (NRAS)***

North Harford High School  
211 Pylesville Road  
Pylesville, MD 21132  
410-638-3650

Program Specialist: Greg Murrell  
[gregory.murrell@hcps.org](mailto:gregory.murrell@hcps.org)  
Principal: Mr. C. Carr

#### ***Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA)***

Aberdeen High School  
251 Paradise Road  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
410-273-5500

Program Specialist: Sarah Ashley  
[sarah.ashley@hcps.org](mailto:sarah.ashley@hcps.org)  
Principal: Mr. M. O'Brien

#### **Mr. Robert M. Limpert**

Supervisor of Magnet and CTE Programs  
102 S. Hickory Avenue  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-588-5244  
[robert.limpert@hcps.org](mailto:robert.limpert@hcps.org)

\*Processes and requirements vary by program; Program Specialist(s) will contact you with regard to next steps for your son or daughter.

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If an essay is required for the program to which you are applying it must be uploaded and submitted with your application NO later than December 1, 2018

- Your application will not be considered until this step has been completed.

Save your information throughout the process to return to it at any time. Be sure to submit the application when it has been completed.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- \*You can log back into your account at any time up until December 1st to review your application.***
- \*There is a place on the website, within your account, for you to withdraw your application to a particular program if you change your mind.***

Please check your email address. This will be the main source of communication throughout the whole process.

## CHECKLIST FOR ON-LINE APPLICATION

Applications available on-line beginning  
**October 19, 2018**

<https://www.hcps.org/magnetprograms/>

You may apply to a maximum of **3** HCPS magnet programs. Each application must be completed individually. Note:

- For Harford Tech - choose ONE technical program
- For NRAS - choose your pathways in order of preference

Students will be asked to select teachers from a pull down menu. If two teachers are given, choose one.

- Regardless of program choice, each of your teachers will only need to fill out one recommendation form.
- Once your teacher has submitted a recommendation, it is applicable for **all** programs.

You will be asked to submit your **ACTIVITY LIST**.

This list only needs to be submitted once and is active for all programs to which you apply.

- Please provide information in the form of a **BULLETED LIST**.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

|  | International Baccalaureate | HTHS                              | Natural Resources | Science and Math Academy   |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Algebra I must be successfully completed prior to entering | Required                    | Recommended for specific programs | Recommended       | Algebra I AND Geometry successfully completed prior to entering* |
| Grades / GPA   | X                           | X                                 | X                 | X  |
| Standardized Test Scores                                   | X                           | X                                 | X                 | X  |
| Teacher Endorsement  | X                           | X                                 | X                 | X  |
| Activity List  | X                           | X                                 | X                 | X  |
| Essay  | X                           |                                   | X                 | X  |
| Interest Meeting (following initial screening)             |                             | X                                 | X                 |  |
| Exam (following initial screening)                         | X                           |                                   | X                 | X  |

\*Geometry may be taken during the summer before ninth grade for SMA

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS. . .

### **1. Where should I turn in my application?**

For **ALL** applicants, this process is completed on-line.

### **2. What about teacher endorsement forms ?**

For **ALL** applicants, this process is completed electronically.

Please carefully follow the online instructions on the application portal to ensure that the correct teachers receive your recommendation requests

### **3. Can I fax my application or letters of recommendation? No.**

### **4. Can I apply to more than one magnet program?**

Yes, you may apply to a maximum of 3 programs. \*You may apply to only one program at Harford Technical High School; multiple applications to different technical programs, from the same student, are not accepted.

### **5. How do I know if my application has been received?**

Please note that important communication from Harford County Public Schools, and from the Program Specialist at each Magnet Program, will come to you via **EMAIL**. It is imperative that you enter a *FUNCTIONING, frequently checked and correctly typed email address on the application; the parent's and the student's emails are strongly encouraged on the application*. The following information is relayed to applicants and their parent(s) via email:

1. Initial acknowledgment of receipt of your application;
2. Periodic updates regarding evaluation and screening of the application;
3. Notifications regarding further assessment/testing; and
4. Notification of admissions status throughout the admissions process.

Notification will be sent via the email addresses provided on the application. Set your email to accept correspondence from [webmaster@hcps.org](mailto:webmaster@hcps.org). In addition, allow your email to accept messages from the appropriate Program Specialist(s) noted on pages 3 & 4 of this booklet. This will prevent your SPAM filter from automatically deleting these emails.

### **6. How will I find out about transportation?**

Please visit <http://www.hcps.org/departments/operations/transportation.aspx> for the most up to date information about Harford County Public Schools Transportation guidelines for magnet programs.

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### **7. What about Harford County students who attend private schools or are home-schooled?**

You will access the application on-line as well.

### **8. I want to apply, but I don't currently live in Harford County. I am in the process of moving - what do I do?**

You may still apply. You must be a resident of Harford County when school starts. Proof of residency will be required when registering.

### **9. How can I improve my chances to attend a magnet program?**

Make sure the complete application is submitted on time and you are putting forth your best effort in middle school.

### **10. What if I receive accommodations through an IEP or 504 Plan?**

It is the policy of HCPS to afford equal opportunity in education to all students. Students receiving Special Education services or who have a 504 Plan are given the same consideration in the selection process as all other students.

### **11. I need help with the application process. Where can I get help?**

See your School Counselor for help; you may also contact the appropriate Program Specialist.

### **12. What if I change my mind and want to withdraw my application to a program?**

This can be completed on-line through the application website.

### **13. What if I'm on Home/Hospital teaching?**

You may still apply. Choose your assigned middle school on the application.

**Website: <https://www.hcps.org/magnetprograms/>  
Application Open: October 19, 2018  
Application Closes: December 1, 2018**