

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
MAGNET PROGRAMS
FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Background Information:

The Office of Business, Technology, and Magnet Programs oversees the magnet programs for Harford County Public Schools (HCPS). HCPS created its first magnet program, Harford Vocational-Technical High School, in 1978. Since 2004, HCPS expanded the magnet offerings available to students: the Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School; the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at Edgewood High School; and the Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences (NRAS) program at North Harford High School. Currently, a fifth magnet program is pending the completion of the new Havre de Grace Middle/High School. This program will provide students the opportunity to study Informational Technology-Computer Science.

Discussion:

This presentation is a continuation of the informational reports with regard to the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. The purpose of this informational report is to provide a greater understanding of the role Magnet Programs serve as part of the Harford County Public Schools education system.

Magnet programs serve over 1569 students at four different locations. Upon graduation, students are deemed college and career ready through the unique learning opportunities the programs of study provided to them regarding their identified passion.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept this informational report.