

## Anne Arundel County Public Schools Magnet Program Information

**Magnet Program**— an educational program with a specialized course of study or an emphasis on instruction that is different from the traditional curriculum offered in Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

### Performing & Visual Arts

# PVA High School Program

The PVA High School Magnet program offers arts students the opportunity to build their artistic skill while gaining real world experience. Located at Annapolis and Broadneck High Schools, this program is designed to engage students in focused arts instruction with highly qualified teachers and professional artists to foster aesthetic and critical thinking, creative inquiry, and artistic excellence. During extended day instruction, students from all arts majors at both PVA schools have the chance to further refine their craft in small group instruction while expanding their creative lens through collaboration, community engagement, and multiple performance avenues.

Students are able to focus their study in one of the Arts Majors:

- Music (Vocal, Guitar, Piano, Strings or Band)
- Dance
- Theater
- Film & New Media
- Technical Design & Theatre Production
- Creative Writing
- Visual Arts

For more information about the program, visit [www.aacps.org/pva](http://www.aacps.org/pva)

or contact:

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### 2016 PVA Information Session

Informational sessions will be held  
at the following schools:

**Annapolis High School..... October 25**  
6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Broadneck High School..... October 13**  
6:30–8:00 p.m.

*For Information on the Audition Prep Nights,  
please contact the PVA Office.*

**Where do students in  
this Magnet Program  
attend school?**

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If your arts area is:

Creative Writing  
Dance  
Film

Technical Design & Theatre  
Production/Arts Management  
Theater  
Visual Art

*Your PVA magnet school is*

**Annapolis  
High School**

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If your arts area is:

Instrumental Music  
Guitar  
Piano  
Vocal Music

*Your PVA magnet school is*

**Broadneck  
High School**

## ***What are the requirements for selection into the program?***

The student shall:

- have an interest in participating in and be committed to the four-year Magnet Program sequence in high school.
- have good academic standing and attendance.
- successfully complete the online magnet application form.
- maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA with no more than two Cs and no Ds and Es.
- sign up and attend an audition for the Major Arts Area student is applying for.

### **Auditions May Include:**

- Major specific portfolio of student work
- Prepared selection for performance
- On-site performance or prompt determined by each Major Area
- Interview

*Expectation: a score of 7 or better in Arts Area*

Note: Specific audition requirements for Majors are available on the PVA website ([www.aacps.org/PVA](http://www.aacps.org/PVA)). PVA purposefully offers audition prep nights with faculty members to introduce potential candidates to the audition process, answer questions, and offer feedback on student work. Dates and locations are also available on the PVA website.

## How do students apply to the program?

- 1 Complete the Online Magnet Application by noon on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.** Please print a copy of your application for your records. Non-AACPS students must upload all additional materials by the deadline in order for the application to be considered complete and on-time. **Application opens September 30, 2016.**
- 2 Sign-up Online for an Magnet Audition (Interview/Audition if required) by noon on Wednesday, December 9, 2016 using the magnet application website.** You **will not** be able to sign up for an audition after the deadline. Available session dates are included in the online magnet application.
- 3** You will receive acknowledgement of your application along with instructions for completing any additional requirements by email. All correspondence and notifications will occur through the *Primary Email Address*. If you need assistance, please contact your school counselor.
- 4 Attend an on-site Magnet Audition/Interviews and prepare required audition material.** Complete instructions will be available online at [www.aacps.org/pva](http://www.aacps.org/pva). **Registration for and participation in an audition or interview/audition does not guarantee eligibility for the program.**
- 5** Following applicant selection, students will be notified of a decision **by late January, 2017. No decision will be made until late January.** (If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection will occur.)
- 6** Acceptance of placement offers must be made online. Once offered a seat, **families have ten calendar days to accept or decline. If there is no response, an automatic decline will be recorded on the 11th day.**
- 7** Successful applicants will be required to attend a Magnet welcome and registration meeting to be announced at a later date.

### \*How to calculate your 7<sup>th</sup> grade course average:

Look at your final report card from Grade 7.  
Assign a number to **each** Final letter grade.

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| A= 4 | Add up <b>all</b> numbers and then divide by the number of classes. Round to one decimal place. This number is your course average for 7th grade. To see an example of how we calculate a sample 7th grade-course average, go to <a href="http://www.aacps.org/magnet">www.aacps.org/magnet</a> and click on "Calculating your 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Course Average." |
| B= 3 |   |
| C= 2 |   |
| D= 1 |   |
| E= 0 |   |

Important program requirements

# AACPS · Magnet Program Application Information Sheet—Conditions of Attendance

In order to participate in an Anne Arundel County School Magnet School Program, students and their parents or guardians must understand and agree to the following:

## The Application Process & Deadlines

- All information submitted with the application will be maintained in confidence by all members of the screening committee.
- All programs are contingent on fiscal approval of the budget year for which you are applying.
- If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a **computerized random lottery selection will occur** for eligible applicants.
- **Eligible applications submitted after the deadline will be wait-listed** in the order they are received. Students will be contacted in the spring, if space is available.

## Transportation

- **Bus stops will be consolidated and may not be located within ordinary walking distances.** Almost all consolidated bus stops will be at local elementary schools, middle schools, or libraries. Parent/guardians will be required to transport students to the consolidated bus stop or to the Magnet School. (Exception: CAT North/CAT South students will be picked up from and returned to their home school within the regular school day). Note: A list of consolidated stops is published by the Division of Transportation each August.

## Student Expectations

- AACPS Magnet Programs are rigorous programs of study. Student **must meet high standards** of academic achievement.
- If a student withdraws from the program, or is not successful in the program, **he or she will return to his or her home school.** Out-of-Area requests to remain at the school once exited from the Magnet will not be considered. Upon accepting a seat it is understood that an annual commitment is expected—three years in Middle School and four years in High School.

## Parent Involvement

- **Students and their parents will be required to participate** in occasional evening and weekend Magnet events/performance associated with their Magnet Program during the school year.

## For all Middle School Applicants...

- Acceptance and participation in a middle school Magnet program **does not guarantee placement** in the corresponding high school Magnet program.

## For PVA Middle School Applicants...

- Participation in a three day Summer Bridge program, Monthly Arts Experiences (offered on evenings and weekends), and Performance Plus sessions (a weekly extended day session with co-curricular participation) throughout the school year are requirements of being enrolled in the PVA Magnet Program.

## For STEM Middle School Applicants...

- Participation in a summer STEM overnight experience and STEM Saturdays sessions (approximately one per month) throughout the school year are requirements of being enrolled in these Magnet Programs.

## For all High School Applicants...

- Students accepted into a program must complete 8th grade with a C average (2.5 GPA) in order to enter the program in the fall. (See CAT Magnet booklet for specific Pathway GPA requirements.)
- Successful completion of, and/or receiving credit for Level I of one of the destination school's languages is required for fall Magnet program entrance

## For BMAH & STEM

### High School Applicants...

- Participation in two-week summer bridge programs, summer reading assignments, job shadowing, research, group/team projects and assignments and internship opportunities are requirements of being enrolled in these Magnet Programs.
- Successful completion of, and receiving credit for, Algebra I with a C or better, or STEMath 8 with a A, is required for fall Magnet program entrance.
- Successful completion of, and receiving credit for, Level I of a World Language is required for fall Magnet program entrance.

## For all IB High School Applicants...

- Successful completion of, and receiving credit for, Algebra I with a C or better, or STEMath 8 with a B or better, is required for fall Magnet program entrance.
- Successful completion of, and receiving credit for, Level I of a one of the destination school's languages is required for fall Magnet program entrance.

## For PVA High School Applicants...

- Participation in a three day Summer Bridge program, a minimum of 90 hours per year of Extended Day Instruction within the school year (offered from 2:30-4:30 pm) and interdisciplinary arts experiences (evening and weekends possible) are requirements of being enrolled in the PVA Magnet Program.

## To remain in a Magnet Program...

- Middle School students must maintain grades of B or above in all subject areas, with two Cs allowable per marking period.
- High School students must maintain a 2.8 or higher GPA through all 4 years of high school.
- CAT students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in a Level I magnet course to be considered for a Level 2 course.
- All students must have appropriate behavior and attendance.



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