

MCPS Special Programs

Consortia, Choice, Language Immersion and Magnet Programs

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/>

MCPS offers a wide variety of specialized academic programs for students at all grade levels. Some programs are open only to students in the sponsoring school, while others are open to all students in the county. These programs have different entrance criteria and application processes. Programs are categorized as countywide, regional, or local school programs.

Downcounty Consortium (DCC)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/>

The Downcounty Consortium includes five high schools and their feeder middle and elementary schools—Blair, Einstein, Kennedy, Northwood, and Wheaton. Each DCC high school offers distinctive academy programs designed to capture students' interest, incorporate rigorous academic course work, explore possible career pathways, and bring real world relevance to students' education.

Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/>

Choose Success! The Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) is made up of three schools – Argyle, Loiederman, and Parkland middle schools – each of which offers an innovative and challenging magnet curriculum. Argyle focuses on digital design and development; Loiederman offers a creative and performing arts focus; and Parkland provides students the opportunity to explore math and science through aerospace technology and robotic engineering.

Admission is based upon a Choice process open to all Montgomery County students who are currently in Grade 5.

Foreign Language Immersion Program News

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion.aspx>

Application Programs: News, Forms, and Deadlines

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications.aspx>

Some competitive programs with a limited number of seats require that students (in grades 3, 5, and 8) complete an application and meet specific admissions criteria. This may include a written application or the submission of additional materials such as a portfolio. Some programs accept applications countywide, while others accept applications from designated regions of the county. They are called “application programs.”