

OVERLEA HIGH SCHOOL

Academy of Finance (AOF)

The Academy of Finance (AOF) is a nationally recognized program and is affiliated with the National Academy Foundation (NAF.org). Completion of the Academy of Finance program of study helps prepare students for post-secondary education, not only in finance related majors, but also for any concentrated program requiring a strong foundation in business, social studies, mathematics, and language arts. There is a four-year sequence of study which offers upper level courses and provides the opportunity for students to enroll in a college-level finance course taught by college instructors during the senior year.

Magnet Transportation Information: *Overlea High School (Northeast Area)*

Transportation is provided at community pick-up points only for students who are zoned for high schools in the Northeast or Southeast areas.

Open House: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 6-8 p.m.

2012-2013 Assessment Guidelines


Assessment Date: January 9 – 13, 2012 and January 14, 2012 *Assessments by appointment*

Assessment reminders will be mailed to all applicants. Parents/Guardians of applicants who have NOT received notification at least five (5) days prior to the assessment date MUST contact the school to verify/schedule an appointment.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) should contact both the school and Magnet Office immediately if the applicant cannot attend or complete the scheduled assessment due to an unforeseen illness or emergency. Please be aware that assessments will not be rescheduled without documentation verifying the illness or emergency.

Inclement Weather Date: Saturday, January 21, 2012 – Applicants will be contacted to reschedule appointments.

Inclement Weather: In the event that schools are closed due to inclement weather, weeknight magnet assessments will be postponed. Weekend magnet assessments will be postponed if the snow emergency plan is put into effect for Baltimore County. Postponed assessments will occur on the designated inclement weather date.

<p>Overlea High School 5401 Kenwood Avenue Baltimore, MD 21206</p>	<p><u>Directions to Overlea High School:</u></p> <p>From I-695</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Exit onto Belair Road/South(32A)▪ Exit off ramp onto Belair Road and go .6 mile to light, Fullerton Avenue▪ Turn left at light onto Fullerton Avenue and drive .3 mile to Kenwood Avenue▪ Turn left onto Kenwood Avenue and drive 1.4 miles to the school on the right
	
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Prior to the Assessment

This MUST be completed prior to coming to the audition.

Complete the 2012-2013 Applicant Self-Evaluation included with these guidelines.

Applicants will be better prepared for the assessment phase (interview and essay) if they are able to respond to the following questions:

- What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Academy of Finance and what will you be able to contribute to this program?
- What do you know about the Academy of Finance? (This information can be obtained by attending the Overlea Open House and from the *NAF.org* Web site).
- What are the different types of materials that you read?
- What are the different types of activities in which you participate?
- What are your short-term and long-term goals?

On the Day of the Assessment

The assessment takes approximately 45 minutes.

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to:

- ensure that the applicant attends the assessment on the scheduled date and time.
- contact the schools if scheduled magnet assessment appointments conflict.

Failure to attend an assessment WILL result in disqualification.

Registration Information

Students with completed applications *will be invited* to the school to be *interviewed* and to write an essay *on-site* between January 9-13, 2012, 3- 6 p.m. and January 14, 2012 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All students will be contacted regarding a specific appointment date and time. Any applicant who has a scheduling conflict with another magnet school can receive an alternate time by contacting the schools directly.

Students should be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Students will meet the magnet coordinator in the front lobby. On average, the entire audition takes approximately 45 minutes. Parents may stay during the audition, or return to the school within 45 minutes. Seating will be available in the school for parents/guardians.

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Assessment Description

Please bring a blue or black ink pen to the assessment. On the day of the assessment, applicants will participate in a personal interview and write a brief essay. It is recommended that students access the NAF.org Web site in order to become familiar with the Academy of Finance magnet program. For the written assessment, students will read and respond to a prompt, using writing skills learned in middle school. The written assessment may be either keyed on a computer or hand written. The interview and written responses will be scored using a standard rubric. Applicants may not take any notes or prepared responses into the assessment.

Documented testing accommodations, as appropriate to the assessment, will be provided.
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Applicants must score an 80% or higher to qualify for admission.

Magnet Events

Magnet EXPO!	Saturday, September 24, 2011 Crowne Plaza Timonium	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Magnet Application Meetings	Tuesday, September 27, 2011 Woodlawn HS Auditorium	6p.m.
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	Wednesday, September 28, 2011 Kenwood HS Auditorium	6 p.m.
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Application Deadline	Wednesday, November 30, 2011
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Application packets are available at www.bcps.org/offices/omp. Applications must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before **November 30, 2011**. Late applications are not processed

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 APPLICANT SELF-EVALUATION 2012-2013
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All applications must be mailed to the Office of Magnet Programs, postmarked by the application deadline of **November 30, 2011**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission.

Magnet Program	Admission Criteria
Academy of Finance (AOF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ C average (1.5 or better) in English/Lang Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies ✓ Satisfactory Attendance (94% or higher) ✓ Performance on Written Assessment and Interview

Magnet Assessment Date

On January 9-13, & January 14, 2012, all applicants will be required to attend the assessment held at Overlea High School. Applicants should be accompanied by at least one parent/Guardian. (*Inclement weather date: January 21, 2012*). Applicants will be reminded of the test time and location by mail.

Priority Placement

According to Superintendent's Rule 6400, *at the high school level where the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available seats, up to 20% of the seats may first be filled with candidates who show exceptional commitment and promise in the specialized program as evidenced by their performance on the approved magnet assessment. The remaining seats will be filled using the centralized random lottery selection process from the remaining pool of qualified applicants.* Specifically, applicants who earn the highest scores on the mathematics and science assessment may fill up to 20% of the seats available in a particular career major.

Qualifying for Admission

The applicant must earn at least 80 points from the stated criteria in order to qualify for admission.

How to Calculate Your Grade Average

Convert your marking period grades to points (A=4 pts, B=3 pts, C=2 pts, D=1 pt, E or missing grade=0 pts). Then divide by the number of marking periods.

Subject	Last Year's Report Card				Current Year's Report Card	Total Points	Total Marking Periods (4 or 5)	Grade Average
	1 st marking pd. grade/points	2 nd marking pd. grade/points	3 rd marking pd. grade/points	4 th marking pd. grade/points (if applicable)	1 st marking pd. grade/points			
English/Lang Arts								
Math								
Science								
Social Studies								

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Criteria		Scoring		My information	My Score	
Admission Criterion #1 Grade Average (see "How to Calculate Your Grade Average")	C average or higher (1.5 or higher)	English /Language Arts and Math Score 15 points for each average equaling "C" or higher (1.5 or higher). Score 0 points for each average less than "C" (less than 1.5)		English/ Lang. Arts Average: _____	_____ /15 pts	
		Score 0 points for each average less than "C" (less than 1.5)		Math Average: _____	_____ /15 pts	
		Social Studies and Science Score 10 points for each average equaling "C" or higher (1.5 or higher). Score 0 points for each average less than "C" (less than 1.5)		Science Average: _____	_____ /10 pts	
		Score 0 points for each average less than "C" (less than 1.5)		Social Studies Average: _____	_____ /10 pts	
Admission Criterion #2 Attendance	94% Attendance Total unexcused absences in prior year <i>-plus-</i> first quarter/trimester of current year	Total unexcused absences in prior year <i>-plus-</i> first quarter/trimester of current year = 14 days or less.	10 points	Total unexcused absences in prior year = ____ days <i>-plus-</i> Total unexcused absences in current year (first quarter/trimester) = ____ days Total unexcused absences = ____ days	_____ /10 pts	
	Total unexcused absences in previous year <i>-plus-</i> first quarter/trimester of current year = 15 days or more.	0 points				
Admission Criterion #3 Written Assessment	Score on assessment determines total points earned.	Applicants may earn up to 20 points.		To be determined between January 9-13 or 14, 2012.	_____ /20 pts	
Admission Criterion #4 Interview	Score on interview determines total points earned.	Applicants may earn up to 20 points.		To be determined between January 9-13 or 14, 2012.	_____ /20 pts	
Points to Qualify	80 points				My Score:	

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FOR STUDENT SELF-ASSESSMENT USE ONLY – does not indicate qualification for programs.