

Parkville Middle School and Center of Technology

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Exploratory Program 2010-2011 Assessment Guidelines

The Exploratory program provides students with a range of opportunities to explore applied engineering (Project Lead The Way - Gateway to Technology®), aquatic and environmental sciences, mass communication, and visual/ graphic arts in practical applications. Students participate in all areas during their first year, select two pathways to study during Grade 7, and focus on one pathway during Grade 8. Grade 8 students who follow the Aquatic Science or Visual Arts pathway have the opportunity to take high school exams and earn high school credit.

BCPS Magnet EXPO!: **Saturday, October 3, 2009** **10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
Crowne Plaza Timonium

Open House **October 14, 2009** **Session 1 - 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Parkville Middle**
Session 2 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
(Same information given at both sessions)

Application Deadline: **November 30, 2009**

Application packets are available at www.bcps.org/offices/omp. Applications must be received or postmarked on or before November 30, 2009. Late applications are not processed.

Applications MUST be mailed to:

**Middle School Magnet Application
Office of Magnet Programs
6901 Charles Street
Towson, MD 21204**

It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to submit a complete application and a copy of all report card grades for the 2008-2009 school year.

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.

Assessment **Saturday, January 16, 2010** **Parkville Middle School**

Applicants must attend the school-based assessment for the program to which they applied.

Assessment reminders will be mailed to all applicants. Students should report for the assessment as follows:

Last Names A-L: 8:00 a.m.

Last Names M-Z: 10:30 a.m.

Testing will begin promptly at the designated time. Students should plan on arriving 30 minutes before their scheduled time for registration. **Students arriving later than 30 minutes past the test start will not be admitted. Parents may wait in the school auditorium during testing.** Any applicant who has a scheduling conflict with another magnet school can receive an alternate time by contacting the schools directly.

Failure to attend an assessment WILL result in disqualification.

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.

Inclement Weather Date: January 23, 2010

Directions to Parkville Middle School:

I-695 East
Exit 31 A Harford Road South
Travel toward Putty Hill Avenue
Turn left at the light onto Avondale Road
Travel to Hiss Avenue
Turn left on Hiss Avenue; school is on the left

Assessment Information

On the Day of the Assessment

The assessment takes approximately 1 ½ hours

Parkville Middle School will assess magnet applicants on **January 16, 2010**. 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. Applicants must attend the school-based assessment for the program to which they applied. Failure to attend an assessment will result in disqualification. Weekend magnet assessments will be postponed if the snow emergency plan is put into effect for Baltimore County. Postponed assessments will occur on January 23, 2010 at the previous scheduled appointment time.

Students for the A-L Session should arrive at the cafeteria lobby between 7:15 and 7:45 am for registration. Students for the M-Z Session should arrive at the cafeteria lobby between 9:45 and 10:15 am for registration. On average, the assessment takes about 1 hour. Students arriving later than 30 minutes past the test start time will not be admitted. A parent/guardian is expected to remain at school until the assessment is ended. Parents may wait in the school auditorium during testing. All students must be picked up in the auditorium lobby by their parents by the end of each test session.

If problems or issues arise on the day of the assessment, please contact Parkville Middle School at 410-887-5250.

Failure to attend an assessment will result in disqualification.

Students will need to bring two (2) sharpened, #2 pencils.

No other materials are needed or allowed in the testing area.

Magnet Performance Assessment will consist of two parts:

Part I – writing sample/brief constructed response (10 points)

Part II – magnet assessment (50 points), consisting of:

- A. multiple choice questions related to science/engineering
- B. brief constructed response related to science/engineering
- C. multiple choice questions related to art/communication
- D. brief constructed response related to art/communication

Content information needed to complete the Magnet Performance Assessment will be provided at the time of the assessment. Students must complete the assessment within the allotted 90 minutes. All documented IEP, Section 504, and ELL accommodations will be provided.