

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 Southwest Academy:

From I- 695 West

i: Take the MD-122/SECURITY BLVD EAST exit, EXIT 17 , toward WOODLAWN .	0.3 mi
i: Turn LEFT onto MD-122 E/SECURITY BLVD .	0.6 mi
i: Turn RIGHT onto WOODLAWN DR .	0.9 mi
i: Turn LEFT onto JOHNNYCAKE RD .	0.1 mi
i: 6200 JOHNNYCAKE RD is on the LEFT .	0.0 mi

Assessment Information

On the Day of the Assessment

The assessment takes approximately 1 hour

Assessment times, reminders, and directions will be mailed to all applicants. Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. At least one parent/guardian is expected to remain at school until the assessment is ended. The assessment will take approximately an hour. **If a student arrives more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of the assessment they will not be able to participate in the assessment.** Due to time limitations missed appointments will not be rescheduled.

If problems or issues arise on the day of the assessment, please contact Southwest Academy at 410-887-0825.

Failure to attend an assessment will result in disqualification.

Essay (10 points)

Please bring – Two #2 pencils and an eraser.

All students applying to Southwest Academy will complete a written essay on Assessment Day. Please do not prepare an essay before the Assessment Day. The essay will be scored using a standard rubric.

Magnet Assessment (50 points)

During the assessment, all Students will participate in a structured 10-question oral interview and complete an assessment for the program to which they applied.

1. Be prepared to discuss/explain an environmental issue you are familiar with.
2. Be prepared to perform an investigation. (Review scientific process and the design process)

Possible Interview Questions

- _____ 1. Why do you want to be in the magnet program at Southwest Academy?
- _____ 2. Explain your experience(s) in or interests with science and engineering.
- _____ 3. What special talents do you have to offer to this program?
- _____ 4. What are your hobbies?
- _____ 5. What helps you to learn more effectively in class-reading, videos, working in groups, or working individually?
- _____ 6. What do you want to be?
- _____ 7. Who is a role model for you?
- _____ 8. What is your favorite subject? What is your least favorite subject?
- _____ 9. Why do you consider yourself a good student?
- _____ 10. Is there anything you would like to share with us? (Diary, Journal, Portfolio, etc...)