



INSTRUCTION

POLICY 6400

Magnet Schools and Programs

The Board of Education of Baltimore County is committed to providing quality educational opportunities for all students, regardless of background, by providing each student an educational environment that enhances that student's educational success. The Board of Education is also committed to encouraging all parents to play active roles in their children's education and to increasing the educational choices available to parents and students in the public schools.

The Board supports magnet schools and programs as one tool for achieving these goals. First, the Board of Education believes that magnet schools and programs should promote educational excellence and offer to students with different interests, talents, and aptitudes, distinct choices that may enhance their educational success. The Board of Education also believes that magnet schools and programs should be used to develop innovative instructional practices and promote systemic reform. Lastly, magnet schools and programs are a tool for the promotion of diversity within schools. As defined by the Board of Education, diversity includes racial, ethnic, economic, gender, and special needs populations.

Legal Reference: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article, §4-109

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