



INSTRUCTION: Special Programs

Magnet Programs

I. Philosophy

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to providing educational choices for parents and students in Baltimore County and supports magnet programs as one tool for achieving this goal.
- B. The Board believes that magnet programs should offer theme-related curricula and instructional programs that are not available as comprehensive school program options; serve as incubators for innovative instructional practices; draw students from across school attendance boundaries; be in accordance with state rated capacity; and accessed through a centralized application and admissions process.
- C. The final authority to designate or remove a school as a magnet schools rests with the Board.

II. Implementation

- A. The Superintendent shall establish guidelines for the application, admission, and enrollment of students in magnet programs.
- B. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

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

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 5110, *Admission*
Board of Education Policy 5140, *School Attendance Areas*
Board of Education Policy 5150, *Residents and Nonresidents*

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