

All-County Open House Event

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Elementary and Middle School
Programs

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GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

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Every Child Learning Something New Every Day.

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- Identification
- Service Delivery
- Professional Development



Pre-K

Early Entrance to Kindergarten

- Students may be eligible based on a series of requirements developed by the Office of Early Learning.
 - Stacy Henson, Coordinator of Early Learning Programs
 - 301-766-8722
- Students who do not qualify may be eligible for the Advanced Learner Pre-K classroom at Funkstown Primary.

Grades PreK-2

Early Talent Development

- A series of curriculum-rooted thinking skills training and response lessons.
- Exposes students to kinesthetic experiences that introduce the following behaviors over time:
 - Perceptive
 - Strategic
 - Inquisitive
 - Communicative
 - Creative
 - Resourceful
 - Leadership
 - Persistent/Resilient



Grades PreK-5

Elementary School-Based GATE

What is it?

- Pull-out services with concept-based, interdisciplinary lessons
and/or
- Push-in services with cluster groups of other GATE students

Grades PreK-5

Elementary School-Based GATE

How are students identified?

Ability: Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) in grades 1 & 5

Performance:

- 90th + percentile Previlearn testing
- Advanced on PARCC Testing
- Performance tasks delivered during GATE screening process
- Consistently performs at both the “Progressing” and “Independent” on Early Talent Development tasks.

Potential: [parent and/or teacher checklist/referral](#)

Grades 6-8

School-Based Middle GATE Accelerated & Enriched Maths Merit ELA, Science, Social Studies

What is it?

- Accelerated and enriched coursework
- Programs located in all WCPS middle schools.

Grades 6-8

School-Based Middle GATE Accelerated & Enriched Maths Merit ELA, Science, Social Studies

How are students identified?

Aptitude:

- Universal Screening via the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) in Grade 1
- Selected students are screened again in Grade 5

Performance:

- 90th + percentile on Prevelearn
- Advanced on PARCC Testing

Potential: parent/teacher nomination

Grades 2-5 and 6-8

Elementary and Middle Magnet Programs

What are they?

- Thematically-based programs located in various regions in Washington County
- Programs designed for the most highly-gifted students in the county.
- A series of selected content-based magnet courses that are designed to follow the school's magnet program theme

Elementary Magnet Programs

Grades 2-5

Where are they located?

- Boonsboro Elementary Magnet Program for Global Citizenship
- Emma K. Doub Elementary Magnet Program for Integrated Arts and Technology
- Fountaindale Elementary Magnet Program for the Arts and Academic Excellence
- Williamsport Elementary Magnet Program for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.)

Middle School Magnet Programs

Grades 6, 7, and 8

Where are they located?

Boonsboro Middle School Magnet Program for Global Citizenship

- Magnet Courses: ELA, Social Studies, & Spanish

E. Russell Hicks Middle School Magnet Program for Media Technology, the Humanities, and Digital Writing

- Magnet Courses: ELA & Social Studies

Middle School Magnet Programs

Grades 6, 7, and 8

Where are they located?

Springfield Middle School Magnet Program for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.)

- Magnet Courses: Math, Science, Introduction to Engineering Design (grade 8)
 - ✓ Math sequence leads to Algebra 1 in Grade 7 & Geometry in Grade 8
 - ✓ Students take extra math during day in Grade 6

Middle School Magnet Programs

Grades 6, 7, and 8

Where are they located?

Western Heights Middle School Magnet Program for Arts Integration

- Avenue A: Academically Talented in ELA & Math
 - ✓ Math sequence frontloaded during summer prior to Grade 6
 - ✓ Math sequence leads to Algebra 1 in Grade 7 & Geometry in Grade 8

Middle School Magnet Programs

Grades 6, 7, and 8

Where are they located?

Western Heights Middle School Magnet Program for Arts Integration

- Avenue B: Creatively Talented in the Visual & Performing Arts
 - ✓ Application is open to all students in WCPS
 - ✓ Students complete an audition and/or portfolio
 - ✓ Band, choir, dance, graphic design, orchestra, theater

Middle School Magnet Programs

Grades 6 and 7

Where are they located?

Northern Middle School, Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

- Magnet Courses: ELA & Math
 - ✓ Math sequence frontloaded during summer prior to Grade 6
 - ✓ Math sequence leads to Algebra 1 in Grade 7 & Geometry in Grade 8.
 - ✓ Participate in Community Service Project, working toward MYP Certificate

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Middle School Magnet Programs

Grades 6 and 7

Where are they located?

Northern Middle School, Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

➤ Additional Students may apply for special permission to attend NMS and participate in the IB MYP Curricula

✓ Complete Community Service Project

✓ Work toward MYP Certificate

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Elementary and Middle Magnet Programs

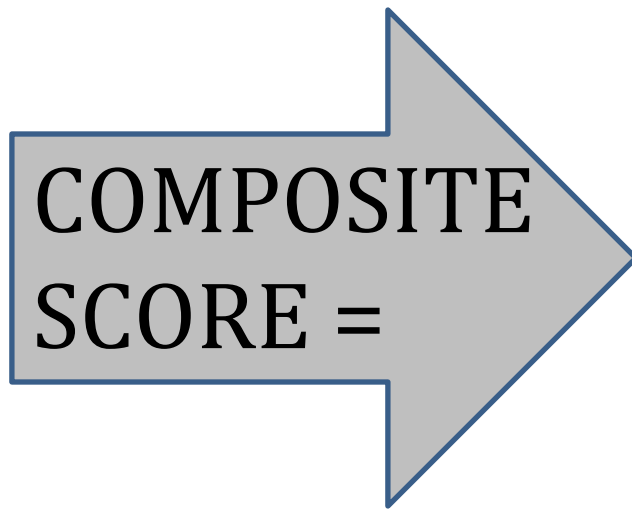
How are students identified?

- Universal Screening via CogAT during Grade 1. Selected students are screened during Grade 5.
- Eligible students are invited to apply for magnet programs, receiving a link to the application and an invitation to attend the school-based open house events.
- Students may apply to more than one program; however, they must complete an interview and task at each school to which they apply.

Grades 2-5 and 6-8

Magnet Identification Process

Use multiple indicators of potential during the application process.



- +Norm-referenced testing
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
- +School-Based Performance Tests
- +Task with Interview
- +Teacher perception instruments
- +PARCC (Mag 4/Mag 5 Programs)

Emergent Scholars Programs

Students with Desire and Determination

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

- Recruitment during grades 5/6
- ERHMS
- Participants are in the “academic middle”
- In-school elective with twice-weekly tutorial sessions embedded

Emergent Scholars Programs

Students with Desire and Determination

Upward Bound

- Recruitment during grade 8
- HMSHS, NHHS, SHHS, WHS
- Participants are in the “academic middle”
- After school/outside school day with tutoring, Saturday, and summer sessions

Questions?

I think my child may be gifted. What can I do?

Elementary Parents:

- Speak with the GATE teacher.
- Visit www.yourfuturestartsnowwcps.com
- Twitter@ reinhjes
- Complete a [*GATE Referral Instrument*](#), along with student artifacts.

Questions?

I think my child may be gifted. What can I do?

Middle School Parents:

- Speak with the Lead Teacher at your school.
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- Twitter@ reinhjes
- Complete a [*GATE Referral Instrument*](#), along with student artifacts.

Want to learn more?

Would you like to join a group and learn more about GATE and about ways to support your student with gifts and talents?

Join the Study Group for Parents of GATE Students!

<https://tinyurl.com/y8jrang8>