



## Advanced Academics

Advanced Academics is an umbrella term that encompasses all the differentiated programs and services Baltimore County Public Schools offers to its advanced and high potential learners. These programs and services are specially designed to extend, enrich, and/or accelerate the standard school program to meet the needs of our students. These programs and services include differentiated small groups, the accelerated reading pathway in elementary English Language Arts, Grades 4 and 5 Advanced Mathematics, Gifted and Talented/Advanced Academics classes at the middle and high school levels, Advanced Placement classes and Dual Credit courses at the high school level, and subject or grade level acceleration at all levels.



Advanced Academics programs and services are critical to meeting the unique cognitive and affective needs of advanced and high potential learners. The identification of students and the provision of appropriate programs and services for identified students is required by state law. The Office of Advanced Academics, in collaboration with other offices throughout the system, ensures these requirements are met and that advanced and high potential students receive the programs and services they need to thrive.

Student identification for Advanced Academics programs and services is ongoing from kindergarten to Grade 12. In addition, universal screening is conducted in Grades 3 and 5. Students are provided access to the Advanced Academics programs and services listed above based on this ongoing identification process at all levels.

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