BCPS Magnet Programs
Centralized Assessments - Literary Arts
2023-2024 Assessment Guidelines

The Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry programs allow students to receive instruction in food production, professional cooking, professional baking, nutrition, management training, service skills, human relations, and menu development. Students who successfully complete the sanitation course will qualify to take the ServSafe examination for national certification.

BCPS Magnet Transportation Information:
Eastern Technical High School (1100 Mace Ave., Essex, 21221) Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend: Perry Hall, Parkville, Overlea, Kenwood, or Chesapeake High School.
G. W. Carver Center for Arts & Technology (938 York Rd, Towson, 21204) Transportation is provided for students from all areas of the Baltimore County Public Schools.
Sollers Point Technical High School (1901 Delvale Ave., Dundalk 21222) Transportation is provided for students who will also attend: Chesapeake, Dundalk, Kenwood, Overlea, Patapsco, or Sparrows Point High School.
Western School of Technology and Environmental Science (100 Kenwood Ave., Catonsville, 21228) Transportation is provided for students zoned to attend school in the Northwest or Southwest areas.

Magnet Contact: Magnet@bcps.org (443) 809-4127

Magnet Showcase Dates:
Eastern Technical High School - October 20, 2022 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
G. W. Carver Center for Arts & Technology – October 12, 2022 (5-7 p.m.)
Sollers Point Technical High School – October 17, 2022 (6-8 p.m.)
Western School of Technology & Environmental Science – October 13, 2022 (6-8 p.m.)

**Magnet Application Deadline:** Friday, November 4, 2022

Applications can be accessed from the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site (www.tinyurl.com/BCPSmagnet) beginning at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Applications must be submitted on or before Friday, November 4, 2022. Late applications are not processed.

**Assessment Overview**

Magnet assessment formats may be updated as needed based on changes in COVID-19 medical guidance, disease prevalence, and/or vaccination statuses.

**Assessment Description:** Applicants must submit a video Interview online by the deadline. Applicants will also attend an in-person assessment where they will prepare a garnish and take a multiple choice Math Test.

**Assessment Dates:**

**Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023**
Applicants with last names A-E @ 5 p.m.
Applicants with last names F-L @ 7pm.
Inclement weather date: Jan. 24

**Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 @ 5 p.m.**
Applicants with last names M-R @ 5 p.m.
Applicants with last names S-Z @ 7 p.m.
Inclement weather date: Jan. 25

All assessments will be held at Loch Raven Technical Academy (8101 LaSalle Rd., Towson 21286)

**Assessment Duration:** 1 1/2 hours

**Interview Submission Deadline:** January 18, 2023 @ 11:59 pm
**Interview Submission Link:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyUO8E4phKkTb25dZCboGfE-x_h4fLVrZ_xbkrlfP-fTVS9w/viewform?usp=sf_link
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Location Directions

From North via I-695:
• Exit 27A MD 146 S/Dulaney Valley Rd. toward Towson.
• Turn left onto Fairmount Ave.
• Continue onto Goucher Blvd.
• Take slight left onto Lasalle Rd.
• Turn right, destination is on the right

From South via I-695:
• Exit 30A MD-41 S/Perring Parkway.
• Turn right onto Putty Hill Ave.
• Turn left onto Lasalle Rd.
• Turn left, destination is on the right.

Assessment Components & Self Evaluation

Applicants must attend and complete the school-based assessment for the program to which they applied. Failure to attend and complete an assessment will disqualify the applicant and admission into the magnet program will be denied.

Applicants may only assess for the program(s) to which they applied. Assessments completed for a program not selected on the application will not be scored.

Documented testing accommodations, as appropriate to the assessment, will be provided.

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Lottery Admission Process: According to Superintendent’s Rule 6400, at the high school level, where the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available seats, up to 20% of the seats may first be filled with candidates who achieve a minimum of 80% of the admission criteria and who score the highest scores on the magnet assessments. The remaining seats will be filled using the centralized random lottery selection process from the remaining pool of applicants (see Superintendent’s Rule 6400 for more information).
BCPS Magnet Programs
Centralized Assessments - Culinary Arts, Baking & Pastry

Assessment Instructions

BCPS is implementing a standardized assessment process for Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry. Students applying to either of these programs at one, two or three schools only need to schedule one appointment. The results from that assessment will be applied to each school where Culinary Arts or Baking & Pastry was selected on the application.

All Centralized Culinary Arts/Baking & Pastry assessments will be held at Loch Raven Technical Academy (8101 LaSalle Rd., Towson, MD 21286).

Prior to the Assessment - This MUST be completed prior to coming to the assessment.
• Review the pre-assigned assessment date and time (see page 1). Failure to attend the assessment will result in a disqualification from the program. Parents must contact the school by November 14, 2022, if there are scheduling conflicts with other magnet assessments.
• Review the section on Preparing for the Assessment (below).
• Create Interview and prepare to submit online by the deadline (see Preparing for the Assessment below).
• Practice Demonstration of Interest project (see Preparing for the Assessment below).

On the Day of the Assessment
It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to:
• ensure the applicant completes the assessment on the scheduled date and time.
• ensure the applicant brings the required materials to the assessment and is dressed in required attire.
• contact the Magnet Programs office immediately if scheduled magnet assessment appointments conflict.

Failure to attend an assessment WILL result in disqualification.

Unforeseen Illness or Emergency: If the applicant cannot attend or complete the scheduled assessment due to an unforeseen illness or emergency, please immediately contact BCPS Magnet Programs at (443) 809-4127. Please be aware that assessments will not be rescheduled without documentation verifying the illness or emergency.

Inclement Weather: If school activities are cancelled due to inclement weather, magnet assessments will be postponed. Postponed assessments will occur on the designated inclement weather date. All emergency closing and cancellation information will be posted on the BCPS automated information line, (443) 809-5555. Closings and cancellation announcements may also be made through local media.
On-Site Registration

- **Arrival:** Applicants should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their appointment time at Loch Raven Technical Academy (8101 LaSalle Rd., Towson 21286). Students who arrive after their appointment time may not be admitted to the assessment.
- **Accompaniment Information:** Parents are asked to drop off applicants and return at the conclusion of the assessment. There is no seating available in the school for parents.
- **What to Bring (see Preparing for the Assessment for details):**
  - *Electronic devices are NOT allowed in student possession during testing. Any unauthorized electronics brought in will be collected.*
  - Required attire (see Preparing for the Assessment below).

**Assessment Duration:** 1 1/2 hours

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**Preparing for the Assessment**

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**Interview**

**Interview Submission Deadline:** January 18, 2023 @ 11:59 pm.

**Submission Link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyUO8E4phKkTb25dZCboGfE-x_h4fLVCZ_xbkrIFP-flVS9w/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyUO8E4phKkTb25dZCboGfE-x_h4fLVCZ_xbkrIFP-flVS9w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Applicants should record themselves responding to the following questions:

1. Explain in detail experiences you've had relating to food or cooking. Then, further explain in detail how these experiences have inspired you to apply to a Culinary Arts/Baking & Pastry course.

2. What are your career goals for the next 5 years? Explain in detail how you think skills you learn in a CA/BP program will help you achieve those goals.

3. Describe a time when you were learning a new skill and met with a challenge. Explain how you overcame that challenge and how overcoming that challenge improved the skill you learned.

Videos should be no more than 3 minutes. **Content after the 3 minute mark will not be viewed or evaluated.**

Applicants should treat the interview as a real job interview. This means they should:

1. Ensure the applicant’s face is clearly visible on the screen throughout the entire video.
2. Wear proper business/professional attire—non-revealing clothing, tops free from inappropriate words or graphics, etc.
3. Record in a quiet, distraction-free setting. Applicants should be seated at a table or desk in a chair. They should not record while in bed or sitting on the floor.
4. Speak clearly and use professional words and language appropriate to a job interview.
Interview Submission Instructions:
This form will be open **November 7, 2022 – January 18, 2023 at 11:59 pm.** Failure to submit the interview by the deadline will result in a loss of points.

Applicants should name the file using their first and last name and the component type in the format “LastName_FirstName_Interview”. For example, the file created by Joe Smith would be named “Smith_Joe_Interview”.

The files must be no more than 100 MB. Files must be .mp4.

Applicants will only be allowed to submit once.

Applicants should plan to submit their work as early as possible to allow time to resolve any technical issues that might arise. Non-BCPS students will need to establish a Google or Yahoo account to access the Google Form. BCPS students will access the Google form using their BCPS account.

Demonstration of Interest (Garnish)
Applicants will create an apple swan at the assessment appointment. Written instructions, as well as a video tutorial, can be found on the Instructables website (https://www.instructables.com/Edible-Apple-Swan/).

All materials will be provided at the assessment appointment.

Please note, at the assessment appointment applicants will be using only a paring knife, not a chef’s knife. Applicants will also be given disposable plastic knives as guides.

Applicants will be scored on the finished garnish and technique in completing the garnish, as well as organizational skills and adherence to sanitation/safety rules.

Math Test:
Applicants will answer multiple choice questions on basic math skills, proportions, decimals, fractions, percentages, and equivalent measures. No calculators are permitted during the assessment. See Mathematics Sample Questions.

Required Attire:
Applicants **MUST** wear a long or short sleeve shirt that fully covers the abdomen, as well as full-length pants or a knee-length or longer skirt. Closed-toe shoes **MUST** be worn. High heels and open-toed shoes, such as Crocs, flip-flops, or sandals are not permitted. Hair is restrained; hairnets and aprons will be provided. **Applicants not dressed appropriately, will not be permitted to participate in the garnish preparation and will not receive points for this portion of the assessment.**
Math Test Sample Questions:

1. This week, 28% of customers ordered the fish entrée. If there were 900 customers this week, how many customers ordered the fish entrée?

2. A restaurant’s profits for the first three weeks of September are $15,000; $9,300; and $12,000. What are the average profits for the first three weeks of September?

3. What is the total cost of the following ingredients needed to prepare one batch of brownies?

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<td>4 ounces butter</td>
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4. One server can be expected to serve an average of 42 customers during a shift. If 336 customers are expected during a shift, about how many servers are needed?

5. You and your family had lunch at a local restaurant and your bill before tax was $55.00. What is the cost of the total bill if you add 7% sales tax?

6. If 30 ounces of chicken serves 9 people, about how many ounces of chicken will you need to serve 27 people?

Math Answer Key

1. 252 2. $12,100 3. $1.88 4. 8 5. $58.85 6. 90