

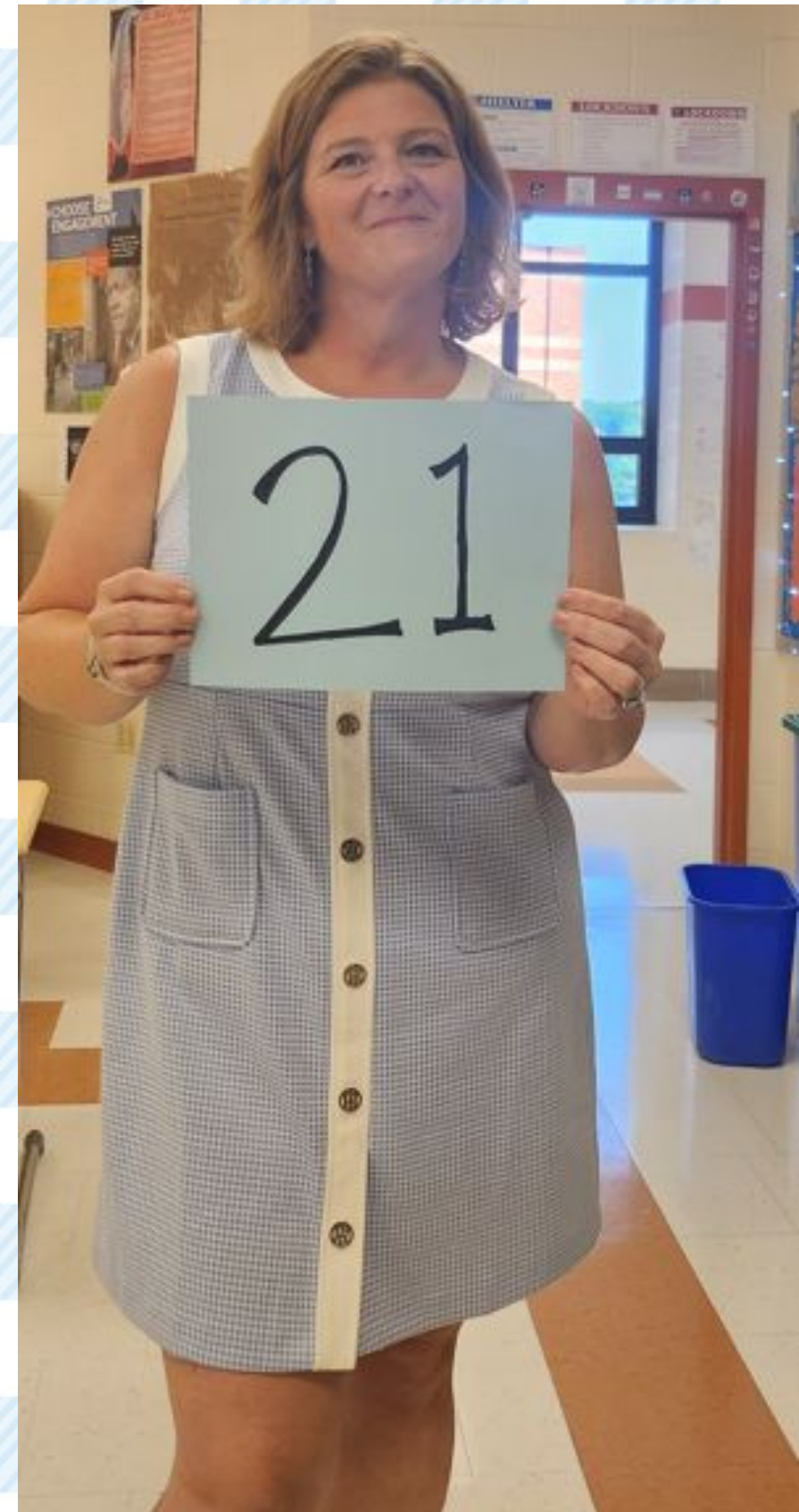
Welcome

# APPS Program Information

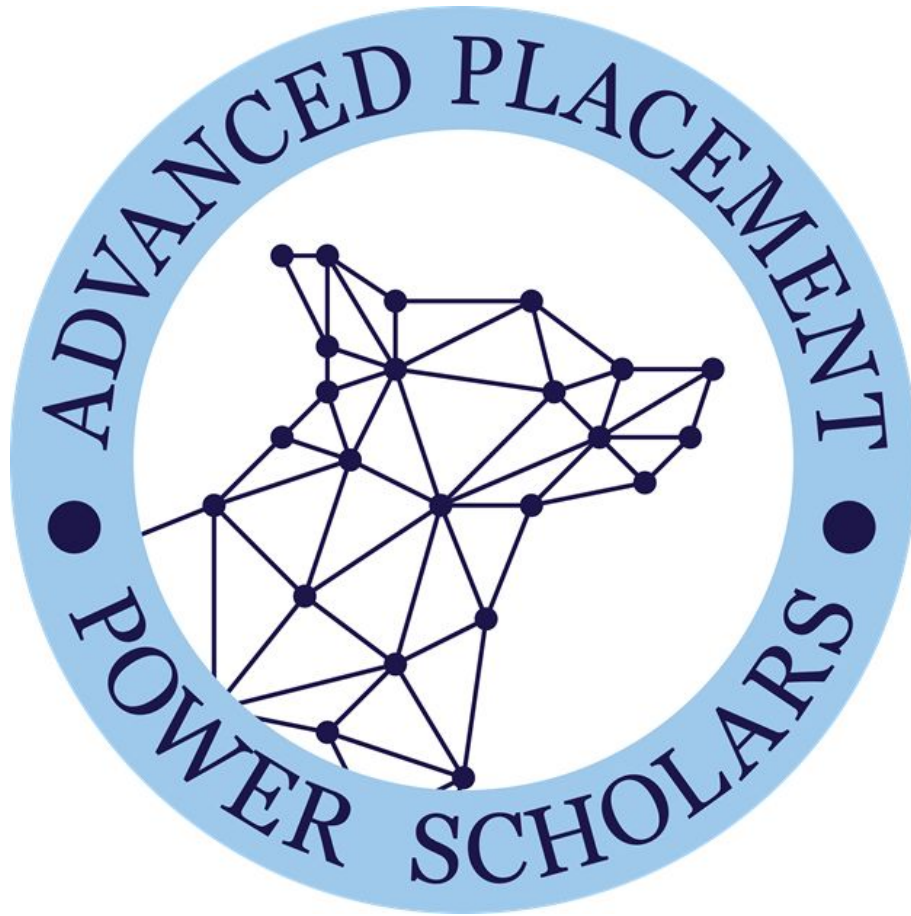


# About Me

My name is Rachel Clements. I began working at Clarksburg High School in 2006. During my time here, I have had many different roles. Currently, I am the APPS Coordinator and I teach Social Studies classes. I LOVE coordinating the APPS program because it allows me the opportunity to work with our amazing students to help them figure out what they are passionate about and to extend their learning outside the classroom.



# About the APPS Program



- ❖ Signature Program
- ❖ Cohort of APPS Peers
- ❖ Supportive Environment
- ❖ Exposure to careers and ideas
- ❖ Flexible for student interest
- ❖ Honors and AP classes

# Current APPS Enrollment

Total Enrollment 474 Students

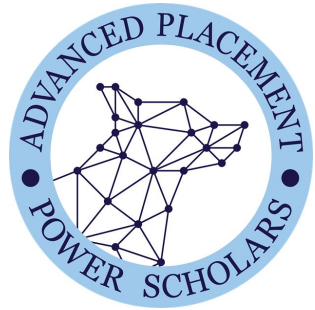
103 Freshman

135 Sophomores

142 Juniors

94 Seniors





# What kind of student is an APPS student?



## Motivated

- willing to work hard
  - can work independently
- earns good grades
- works towards goals



## Organized

- manages time well
  - can balance coursework AND extracurriculars
- sensitive to deadlines

## Passionate

- desire to learn
  - shows intellectual curiosity
- pursues education as a life-long goal

# APPS Testimonies

Let's meet some current APPS students and hear about their experiences!



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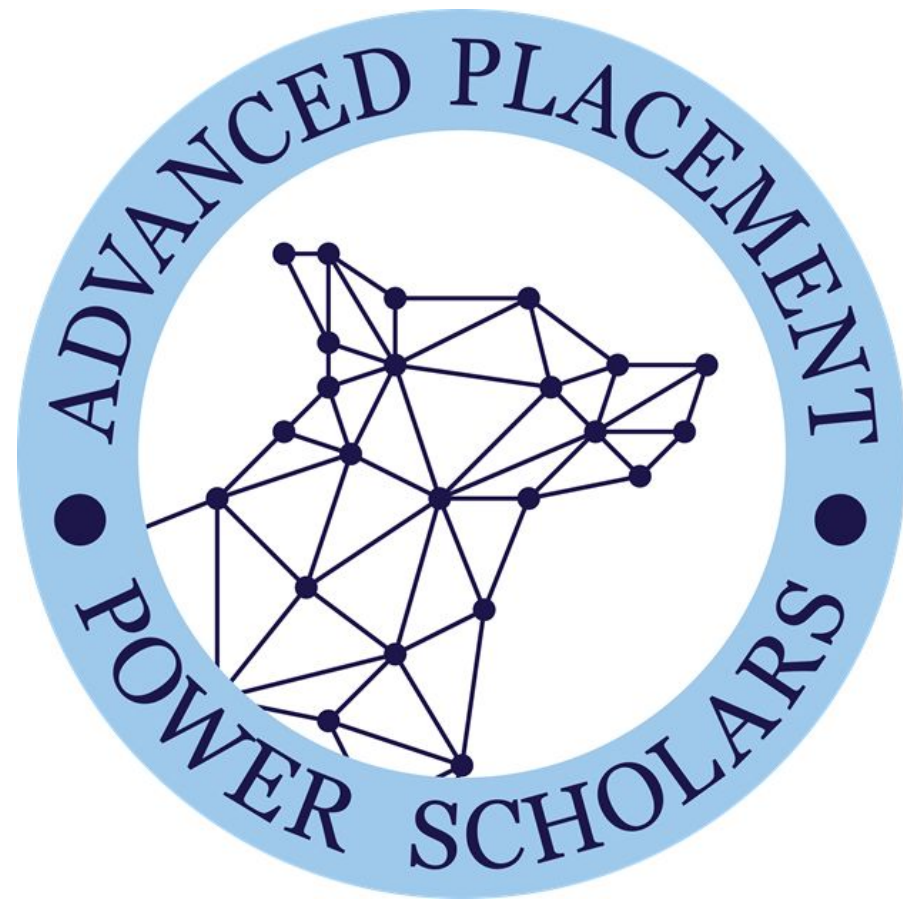


Asa Matthews



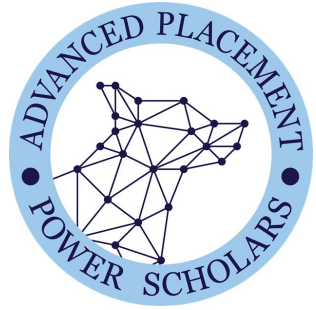
Cindy Bagheri

# APPS Requirements

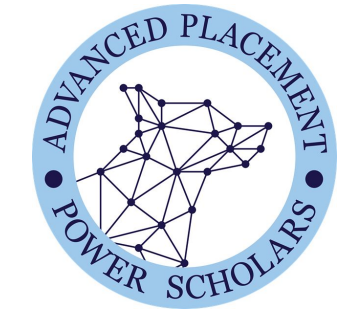


**The following are required to finish the program and graduate with APPS distinction.**

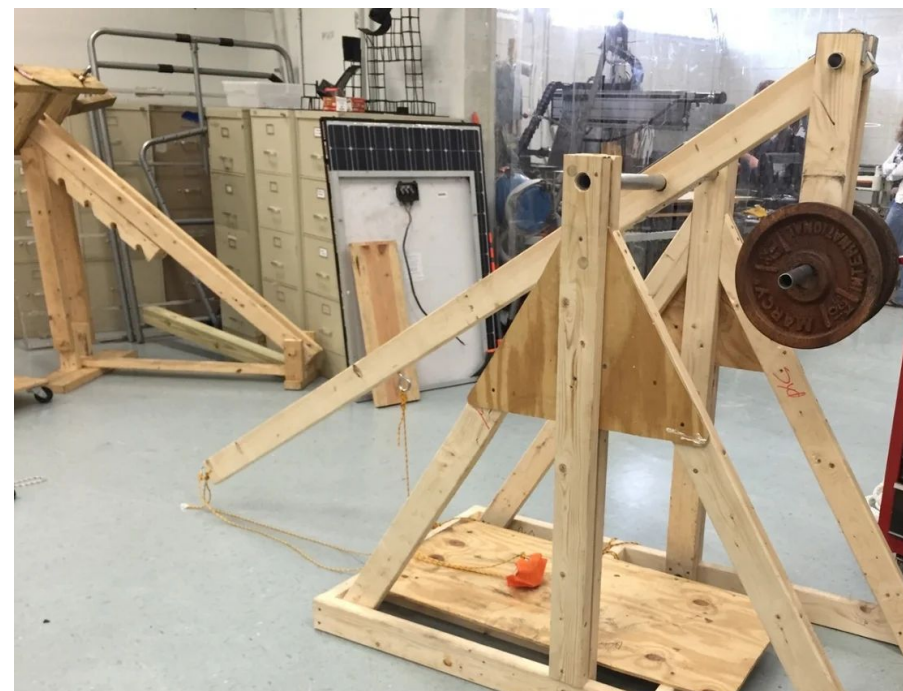
- 3.5 unweighted GPA
- Successful completion of 6 AP classes (and at least 1 AP exam)
- Participation in APPS events
  - guest speakers
  - seminars
  - field trips
- Presentation of Senior Showcase



# Showcase Examples



Stop The Splash was a multifaceted project to bring awareness to acid attacks in India. Student created a website for information and communicated with lawmakers in her home state in India.



Two students interested in medieval siege weapons made a working trebuchet. They engineered the design, built a model and then the final product. They ultimately launched pumpkins.



This student raised money to start a community garden that benefitted a Muslim women's shelter. This was a scout project she modified for APPS.



# Typical Course Schedule

## 9th Grade

- ★ APPS English 9
- ★ APPS AP Government
- ★ APPS Biology
- ★ Math (recommended by previous teacher)

Electives and other graduation requirements.

## 10th Grade

- ★ APPS English 10 OR  
AP Seminar
- ★ APPS AP US History
- ★ APPS Chemistry
- ★ Math (recommended by previous teacher)

Electives and other graduation requirements.

## 11th and 12th Grade

Schedules vary widely for juniors and seniors. Many of them have internships, take dual enrollment classes, or simply enroll in electives that are interesting to them. Naturally, students will need to make sure they have met the Maryland State graduation requirements and that they have completed 6 AP classes in order to graduate with APPS recognition.



# AP classes offered at Clarksburg



## Arts

AP 2-D Art and Design  
AP 3-D Art and Design  
AP Drawing  
AP Music Theory

## World Languages

AP Spanish Language  
AP Spanish Literature

## English

AP Language  
AP Literature  
AP Seminar

## History and Social Sciences

AP Comparative Government and  
Politics  
AP European History  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP Microeconomics  
AP Psychology  
AP US Government and Politics  
AP United States History  
AP World History  
AP African American History

## Math and Computer Science

AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Statistics

## Sciences

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics C

# How Can I Apply?

APPS is separate from MyMCPS portal applications for magnet programs.

You must complete an application from CHS web page. The application can be found under “Special Programs.”

The application window for students will be from today, Sept. 26th, until Nov. 1st.



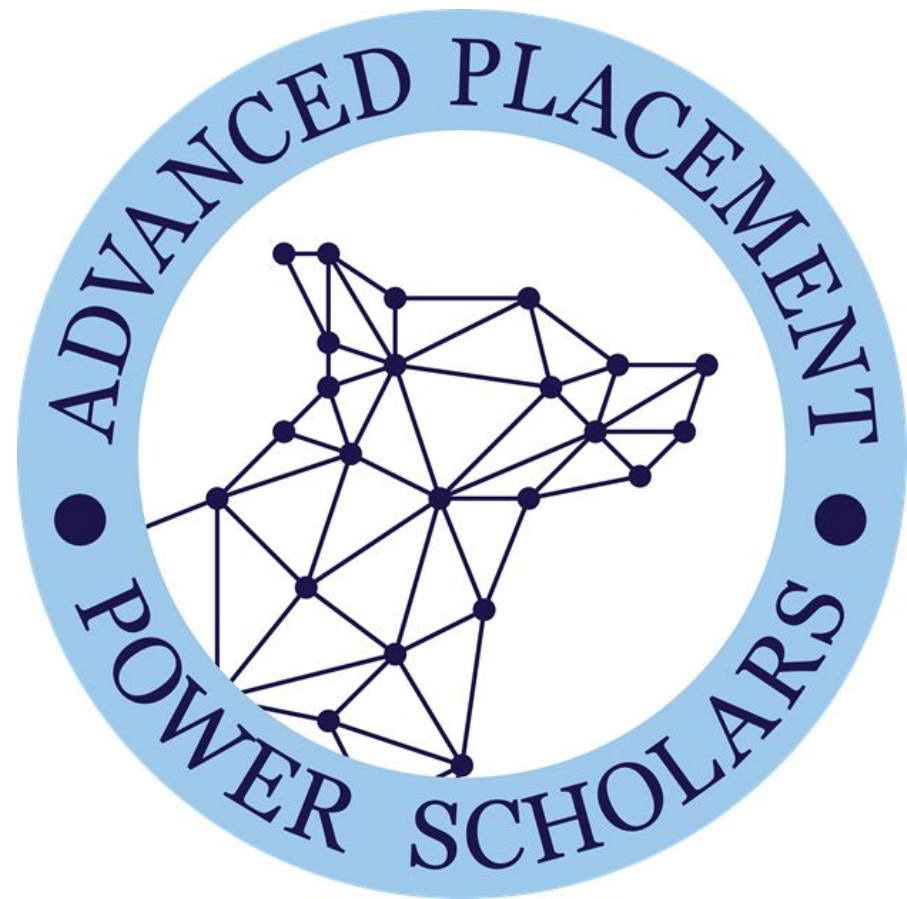
The image shows a screenshot of the Clarksville High School website. The header features the school name "CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL" with the tagline "Leadership, Scholarship, Relationships" and a logo of a blue and white dog's head. A navigation menu includes links for HOME, ABOUT US, DEPARTMENTS, COUNSELING, MEDIA CENTER, STUDENTS, PARENTS, ATHLETICS, THE ARTS, and ALUMNI. Below the website is a collage of three images: a group of four female students at a "SERVING OUR COMMUNITY" conference, a female basketball player, and a male student in a graduation cap. The "SPECIAL PROGRAMS" image is highlighted with a white oval.

CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL  
Leadership, Scholarship, Relationships

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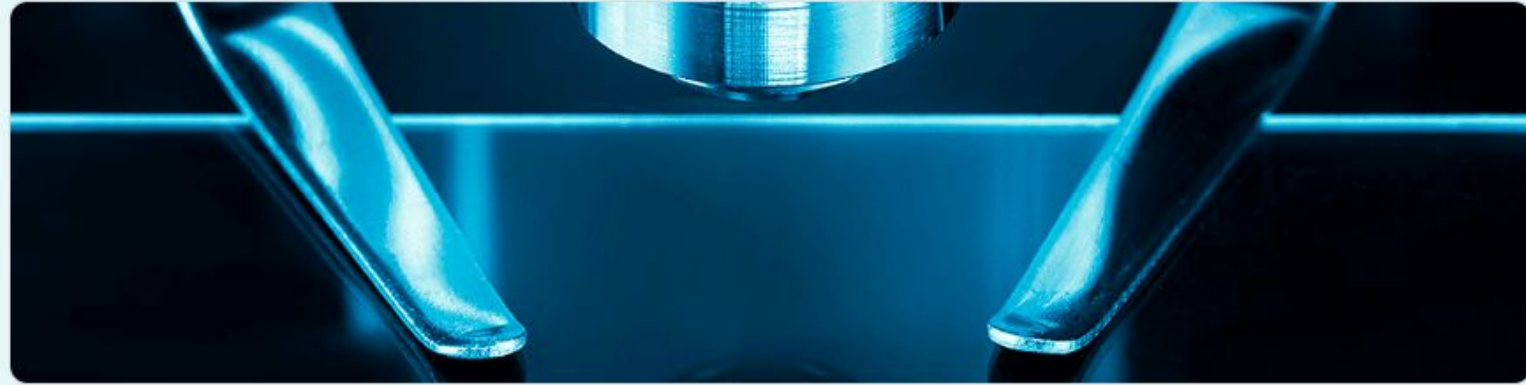
# Application Components



**Part 1: Student Information**

**Part 2: Teacher Recommendations**

**Part 3: Testing/GPA Information**



## APPS Application 2024-2025

Please complete each section of this application. When you are finished inputting information about yourself, make sure that send the google form for teacher recommendations to 3 of your current academic teachers. If you do not attend Hallie Wells, Rocky Hill, or Clarksburg, you will also need to send the counseling form to your school counselor. Please email me if you have any questions. [rachel\\_l\\_clements@mcpsmd.org](mailto:rachel_l_clements@mcpsmd.org)

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\* Indicates required question



## Teacher Recommendation Form for the APPS program

Dear Teacher,  
Your recommendation is a vital component in the decision making process for admission to the APPS program. Please complete the recommendation with reference to demands of a college level program and the full spectrum of students in general. Your comments are encouraged and greatly appreciated. Please submit any recommendation forms you receive on or before December 15th, 2025

[rachel.l.clements@mcpsmd.net](mailto:rachel.l.clements@mcpsmd.net) [Switch account](#)



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**Part 1:  
The Google Form for student  
information.**

**Part 2:  
The Google Form for teacher  
recommendations.**

## Part 3: Testing/GPA Information

If the student attends Hallie Wells, Rocky Hill, or Clarksburg, I will contact the counselor directly for their test scores and GPA.



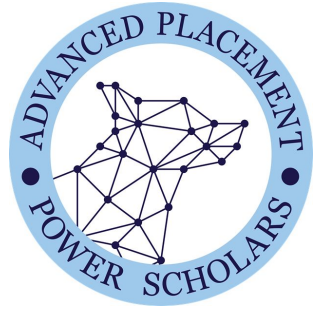
### Counseling Information 2024-2025

Counselors! We really appreciate your help collecting information for APPS program applicants. Please fill out the information below and submit it by December 15th, 2024. If you are a counselor at Rocky Hill or Hallie Wells you do not need to fill out a form for individual students. I will send you a google sheet with the names of all the applicants from your school to streamline the data gathering process. Let me know if you have any questions by emailing [rachel.l.clements@mcpsmd.org](mailto:rachel.l.clements@mcpsmd.org)

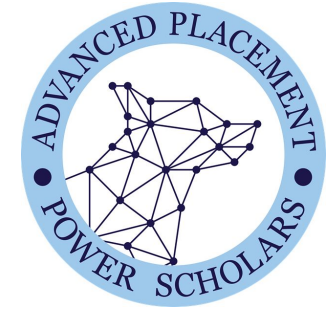
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If the student attends a school not listed on the left, they will need to request this information from their counselor using the form above



# Application Timeline



September  
26th

The APPS Application window opens. Applications can be found on the CHS website under "Special Programs"

November  
1st

The student component of application is due. The google form collecting responses will be closed at midnight on November 1st.

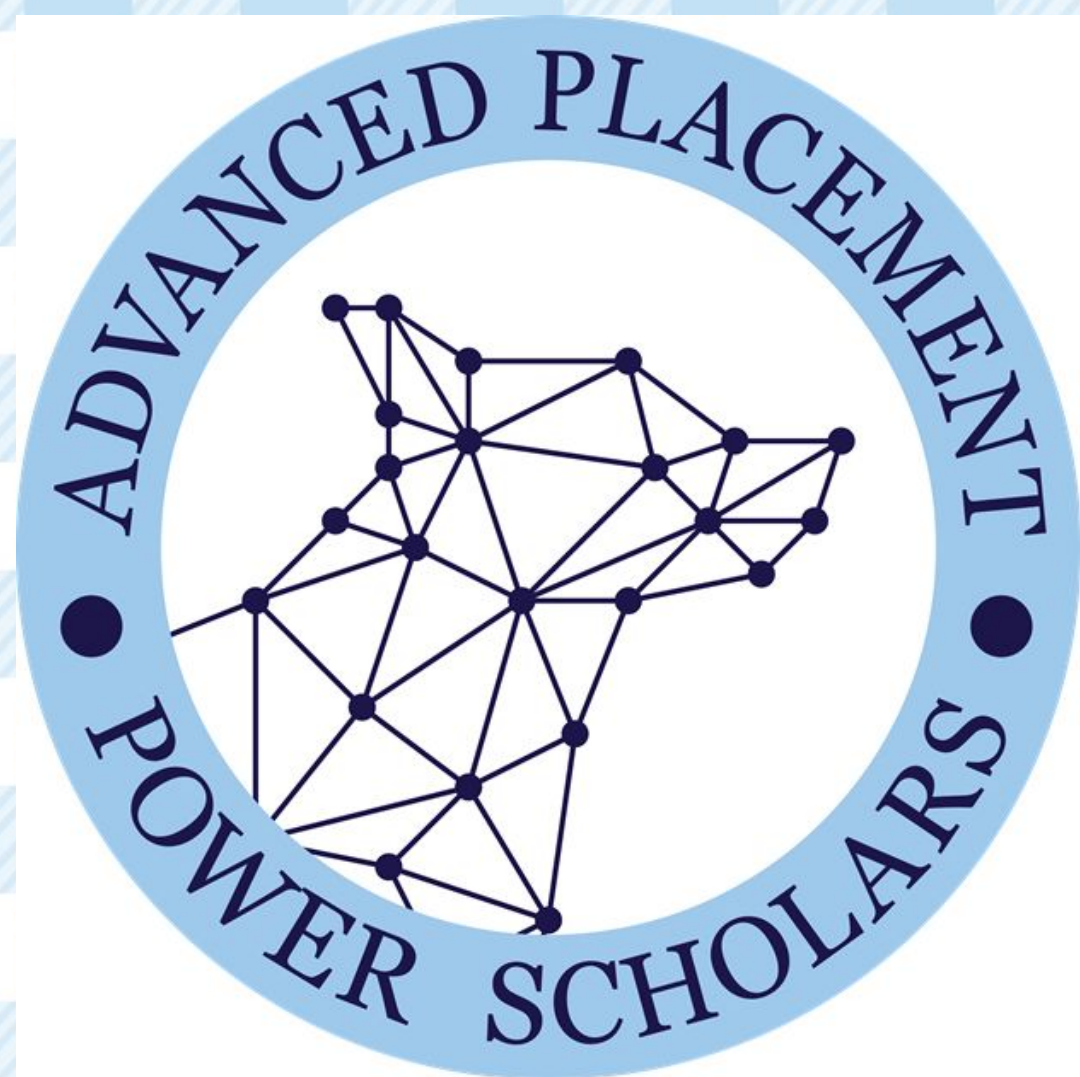
December  
15th

Teacher recommendations and information from counseling is due. Students and parents will be contacted if one of these components is missing.

January  
10th

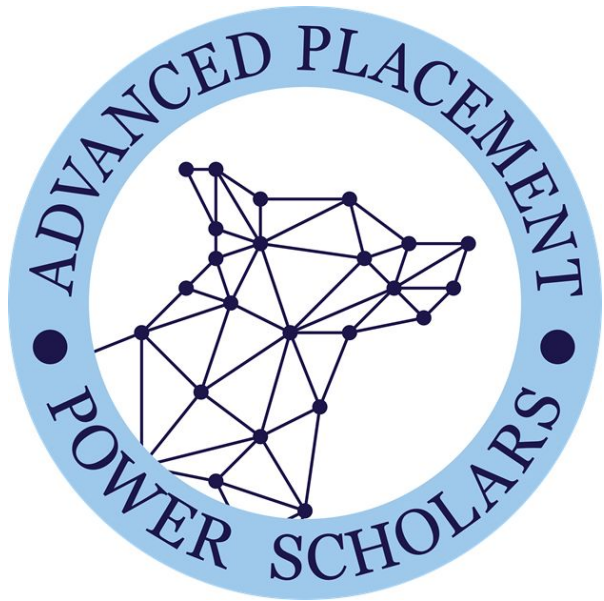
The APPS program decisions will be emailed to student applicants and their parents/caregivers.

# Application

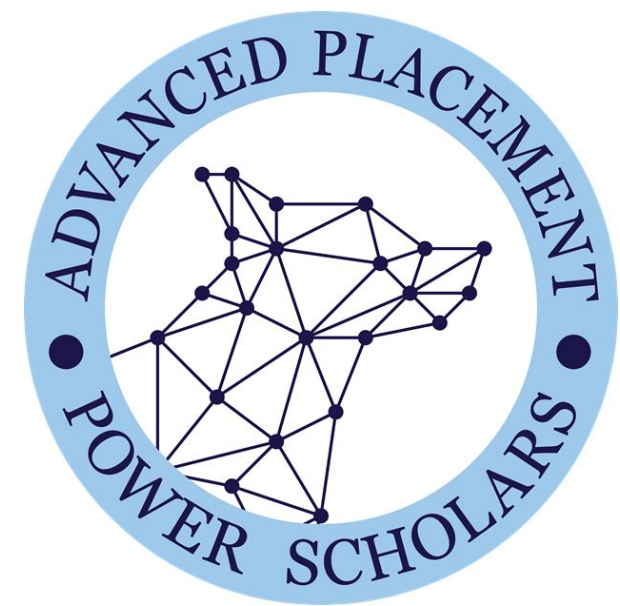




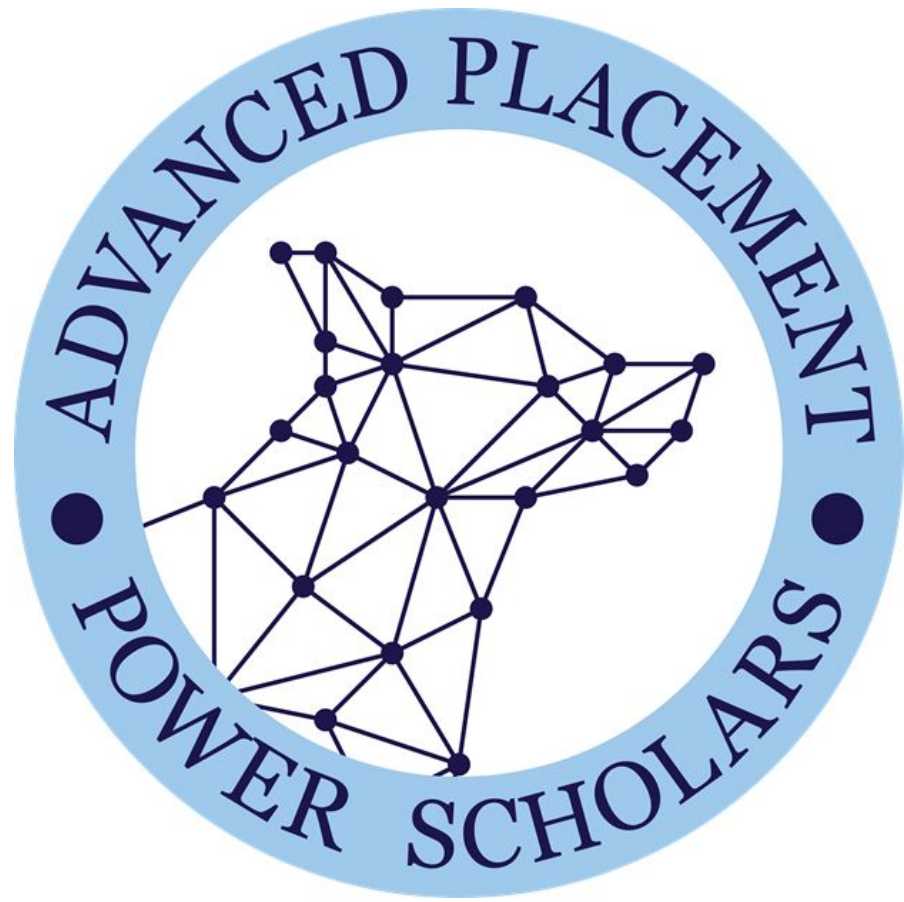
# Frequently Asked ?'s



1. Can I be a part of the APPS program if I am supposed to go to a different high school?
  - a. Sadly, no.
2. Is there a limit to the number of students accepted into APPS every year?
  - a. No. As a result, there is not a waiting list.
3. Can I have an internship my senior year if I am in the APPS program?
  - a. Yes! It might be a great place to get an idea for your Showcase!
4. Can I be in another program or pathway at the same time as the APPS program?
  - a. Potentially, yes! If that program allows you to be at CHS for at least part of the day  
it should work!



**Any other  
questions for the  
good of the group?**



# Contact Me

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about the APPS program.

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**Thanks so much for  
learning about APPS!**

