



SUMMARY SHEET

DCC Grade 7 Parent & Student Information Night

May 2015

Downcounty Consortium (DCC) — five high schools in the Consortium for students who live in the DCC attendance area or attend a DCC middle school

- **Montgomery Blair HS: 51 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring, MD 20901**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Leslie Blaha, 301-649-2880
 - ❖ www.mbhs.edu
- **Albert Einstein HS: 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Tom Curley, 301-962-1065
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteinh/
- **John F. Kennedy HS: 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Kaleisha Miller Wright, 301-962-5909
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/kennedyhs/
- **Northwood HS: 919 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD 20901**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Sara Baudry, 301-649-8153
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwoodhs/
- **Wheaton HS: 12601 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906**
 - ❖ Academy Coordinator: Ellisa Earley-Hidalgo, 301-929-2068
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wheatonhs/

5 Great Schools!
I can THRIVE at
ALL 5!

What is an Academy Program?

- A sequence of courses designed around a central theme
- A program of study based on a student's interests

All DCC high schools offer comprehensive programs that offer art, technology, world language, etc.

Academy Programs by Career Cluster:

- Arts & Communications
 - ❖ Academy of Humanities, Arts & Media – Northwood
 - ❖ Media Communications Academy – Kennedy
 - ❖ Academy of Media, Music, and The Arts – Blair
 - ❖ Academy of Musical Theatre & Dance – Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of Visual and Performing Arts – Einstein
 - ❖ IGCS: Digital Art & Digital Music - Wheaton
- Human Resources, Health, & Environment
 - ❖ Bioscience Academy - Wheaton
 - ❖ Academy of Human Service Professions – Blair
 - ❖ Academy of Politics, Advocacy & Law – Northwood
 - ❖ Health Careers Academy – Kennedy
 - ❖ Academy of Technology & Environmental Systems Sciences – Northwood
- Technology & Business
 - ❖ Business Management Academy – Kennedy
 - ❖ Academy of Engineering - Wheaton
 - ❖ Academy of Finance– Einstein
 - ❖ Academy of Entrepreneurship & Business Management – Blair
 - ❖ Academy of Technology & Environmental Systems Science (TESS) – Northwood
 - ❖ Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math - Blair
 - ❖ Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) – Wheaton

- Interdisciplinary Programs
 - ❖ Academy of International Studies & Law – Blair
 - ❖ Institute for Global & Cultural Studies – Wheaton
 - ❖ International Baccalaureate Program – Einstein
 - ❖ International Baccalaureate Program – Kennedy
 - ❖ Renaissance Academy – Einstein
 - ❖ Montgomery College Middle College Program (MC²@N)– Northwood HS

DCC Choice Process & Timeline:

- September
 - *Choice* and Academy program information sent home with grade 8 students – *Milestones* publication
 - Evening Information Meeting referred to as the Options Fair
- October
 - Evening Open Houses at each high school
 - *Choice* forms mailed to students
- November
 - Evening enrollment meeting for non-MCPS students
 - Completed *Choice* Forms due to DCC & NEC Middle School Counselors
- January
 - High school assignment letters mailed to students' home

What is Choices Explorer?

- Career exploration website for middle school students
- www.bridges.com – a Site ID and password can be acquired from NEC & DCC middle school counselors

What is a student's base high school?

- Based on your home address
- Guarantee of base HS assignment when placed 1st on *Choice* form
- Can be found by visiting : <http://gis.mcps.k12.md.us/gis/PublicLocator.asp>

Application Programs: (competitive application, limited seats, geographic eligibility)

- Science, Math & Computer Science Magnet Program at Montgomery Blair HS
 - For students with a strong interest in and aptitude for math, science and computer science
 - Must be enrolled in Algebra I or higher in grade 8
 - Coordinator Phone: 301-649-8240
 - <https://mbhs.edu/departments/magnet/>
- Richard Montgomery IB Magnet Program
 - Must be enrolled in at least first year of foreign language (or qualified bilingual student), Algebra I and two advanced level courses in grade 8
 - Rigorous pre-university course of study
 - Coordinator Phone: 301-610-8100
 - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/ib/>
- Global Ecology House at Poolesville HS
 - Concentration in environmental science and social studies
 - Study of human impact on environment
 - Must be enrolled in Algebra I or higher in grade 8
 - Coordinator Phone: 301-972-7976
 - www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/poolesvillehs/magnet/globalecology/
- Visual Art Center (VAC) at Albert Einstein HS
 - Fine arts – drawing, painting and art history
 - Application process involves portfolio presentation, interview, teacher recommendations, & transcript review
 - VAC phone: 301-962-1027



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- <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/vac/>
- Thomas Edison High School of Technology (TEHST)
 - Half day professional and technical career education programs for Grades 10-12
 - School Counseling Office Phone: 301-929-2181
 - www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison/programs.aspx

Application Program Website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/>

Application Programs open to only students who live in the DCC or attend a DCC middle school:

- Communication Arts Program (CAP) at Montgomery Blair HS
 - Emphasis on media, communication, and humanities
 - Anne Cullen, Coordinator: 301-649-2854
 - <http://cap.mbhs.edu/>
- Leadership Training Institute (LTI) at John F. Kennedy HS
 - Emphasis on community service and leadership
 - Kofi Frempong, Coordinator: (301)962-5930
 - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/kennedyhs/programs/lti/index.aspx>
- Biomedical Application-Only Program at Wheaton HS
 - Emphasis on math, science and medicine
 - Ellisa Earley Hidalgo, Coordinator: (301)929-2068
 - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/biomedical.aspx>
- Engineering Application-Only Program at Wheaton HS
 - Emphasis on math, science and all fields of engineering
 - Ellisa Earley Hidalgo, Coordinator: (301)929-2068
 - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/engineering.aspx>

Proposed Application Only Timeline:

- October 2015 – Information Nights
- Early November 2015 – Application Deadline
- Early December 2015 – Testing
- February 2016 – Notification

Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS)
11721 Kemp Mill Road Silver Spring, MD 20902
301-592-2040

DCC Website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/>

NOTES/REFLECTIONS: WHAT INTERESTS YOU AT EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS?

Blair: _____

Einstein: _____

Kennedy: _____

Northwood: _____

Wheaton: _____