

## Greetings Parents & Guardians!

Welcome to our workshop on choice in City Schools. This session is designed to help you navigate the process successfully and with confidence that you will identify schools that are a good fit for your student.

### Neighborhood Elementary & Elementary/Middle Schools

- Most elementary students (pre-k to grade 5) attend school in their school zone. (However, there are some charter option for students in these grades.)
- Elementary/middle schools educate students in pre-k to grade 8, and many students choose to remain in their zoned elementary/middle schools until high school.
- All 5<sup>th</sup> graders have the option to enter the lottery for a different middle school placement, though.
- Some middle schools – and **all high schools** – are "citywide." That is, they do not have attendance zones and serve students who live in all areas of the city.
- Middle and high school students should consider school location and travel method and time to and from school when applying to schools.

## Academic Entrance Criteria

1. Baltimore City College (City) 2. Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly) 3. Carver Vo-Tech (CTE) 4. Paul Laurence Dunbar (CTE health and biosciences only) 5. Western (female only) 6. Mergenthaler Vo-Tech (Mervo) (CTE) 6. Edmondson Westside (CTE)

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

1. Cross Country E/M 2. Francis Scott Key E/M 3. Mount Royal E/M 4. Roland Park E/M 5. Waverly E/M \*Each of these schools requires an eligible composite score.

### "Citywide" Middle, Middle/High, and High Schools

At City Schools, students choose the middle or high school they attend. With a variety of schools offering a range of programs, families can explore options and find the school that is the best fit for each student. All current eighth-grade students and all current fifth-grade students who attend an elementary school with no middle grades **must** fill out a choice application by January 19. Fifth-grade students currently enrolled in an elementary school with middle grades may choose to remain at their school OR fill out a choice application to attend another middle school. **Choice applications for the 2018-19** school year will be available soon and **will be due back to schools by January 19**.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Charter schools are public schools open to all students, regardless of where they live in the city.
- Each school has a charter, or performance contract, detailing its program, goals and methods of assessment.
- These schools may have a specific approach to instruction or focus on an instructional theme. They may also serve specific populations.
- When more students would like to attend a charter school than the school has room to serve, an admissions lottery is held. ("Neighborhood" charter schools give placement priority to students who live nearest the school, and some may give priority to siblings of current students.)
- While charter schools have increased autonomy in decision-making, they are accountable to the authorizer that grants the charter (in this case, City Schools), the parents who choose to send their children to the school, and the public that funds them.

Afya Public Charter School  
 Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys  
 Baltimore International Academy  
 Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women  
 Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School  
 Banneker Blake Academy of Arts and Sciences  
 Brehms Lane Public Charter School  
 City Neighbors Charter School  
 City Neighbors Hamilton  
 City Neighbors High School  
 City Springs E/M School (neighborhood charter)  
 ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School  
 Coppin Academy  
 Creative City Public Charter School  
 The Crossroads School  
 Empowerment Academy  
 Frederick Elementary School (neighborhood charter)  
 Furman Templeton Preparatory Academy (neighborhood charter)  
 Govans Elementary School (neighborhood charter)  
 The Green School of Baltimore  
 Green Street Academy  
 Hampstead Hill Academy (neighborhood charter)  
 Independence School Local I  
 KIPP Academy  
 Lillie May Carroll Jackson School  
 Midtown Academy  
 Monarch Academy Public Charter School  
 Northwood Appold Community Academy  
 Patterson Park Public Charter School  
 Roots and Branches School  
 Rosemont Elementary/Middle School (neighborhood charter)  
 Southwest Baltimore Charter School  
 Tunbridge Public Charter School  
 Wolfe Street Academy (neighborhood charter)

## **Alternative Programs**

City Schools recognizes that circumstances outside of school can make attending a traditional school difficult for some students, while some students thrive in settings that offer specific supports. Alternative schools and programs are designed to help all students succeed academically and graduate ready for college or career training.

**Accelerator options** - Students can face circumstances that result in their falling behind their grade-level peers. City Schools offers several programs that help middle and high school students get back on track at an accelerated pace. Credit recovery and acceleration programs are available at many high schools that also offer traditional courses and scheduling. In these programs, students can make up credits they've missed, or get ahead on credits to graduate in a shorter time frame or open space in schedules for internships or other opportunities.

**Health concerns** - When students cannot attend school because of medical, physical or emotional conditions, City Schools' Home and Hospital program can arrange for instruction to be delivered at home or in hospital settings, or by telecommunications and home visits.

**Behavioral concerns** - When there are concerns about a student's behavior or a student is in emotional or behavioral crises, several programs offer both academic and behavioral supports. Students are referred to these programs by district staff in Enrollment, Choice and Transfers or Suspension Services.

(Please contact City Schools at 410-396-8600 to find out about the option that's right for you.)

## ***Separate public day schools, serving students with disabilities***

When the severity or nature of students' disabilities affects their performance and academic success within their community-based school setting, placement in a separate public day school may be appropriate, as determined by an Individualized Education Program team. City Schools' separate public day schools provide programming, facilities, and specialized staff to meet students' needs.

**Middle and High School Choice Open Houses and Admissions – ALSO AVAILABLE ON WWW.FFEE.ORG**

SCHOOL NAME	OPEN HOUSES	SHADOW DAYS	HOW TO APPLY	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Academy for College and Career Exploration (middle and high)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Afya Public Charter School (middle)	11/14, 10 AM RSVP on <a href="#">Afya PCS website</a> .		Submit Afya application (available on <a href="#">Afya PCS website</a> in December) to the school for admissions lottery	2/5/18
August Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts (high)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Baltimore City College (high)	11/30, 6 PM	11/14 11/16 12/8  Register through your school counselor or choice liaison.	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/19/18
Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys (middle)			Email, mail or deliver the <a href="#">Collegiate application</a> to the school for admissions lottery	2/5/18
Baltimore Design School (middle and high)	Portfolio workshops/ open houses: 11/15, 5-6 PM 12/20, 5-6 PM 1/17, 5-6 PM 1/20, 10AM-12PM (graphic design only) 2/21, 5-6 PM 2/24, 10AM-12PM (fashion design only) 5/16, 5-6 PM		MS: List as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice on City Schools choice application + Email, fax or mail separate BDS application (email <a href="mailto:vsilverman@bcps.k12.md.us">vsilverman@bcps.k12.md.us</a> to obtain a copy) + Complete interest survey (schedule through school counselor or choice liaison at your current school)  HS: Email, fax or mail BDS application to the school (email <a href="mailto:vsilverman@bcps.k12.md.us">vsilverman@bcps.k12.md.us</a> to obtain a copy) + Submit portfolio and participate in a portfolio review day	1/19/18                11/18/17, 10AM 3/21/18, 5PM 5/19/18, 10AM
Baltimore IT Academy (middle)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women (middle and high)	12/14, 6-7:30 PM		Submit <a href="#">BLSYW online application</a> to the school for admissions lottery	2/2/18
Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School (middle)	1/17, 9 AM 1/20, 10 AM 1/31, 9 AM		Submit online <a href="#">Montessori application</a> to the school for admissions lottery	2/2/18, 6PM
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (high)	11/9, 5:30-7:30 PM	Schedule with your school counselor or choice liaison.	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/19/18
<i>Ingenuity at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (high)</i>	11/18, 10 AM - noon		Submit <a href="#">Ingenuity online application</a> + List Poly in 1 <sup>st</sup> choice spot on City Schools choice application + Take the Ingenuity-administered tests	12/20/17  1/19/18  1/27/18
Baltimore School for the Arts			Email <a href="#">BSA application</a> to Lisa Peels at <a href="mailto:highschoolauditions@bsfa.org">highschoolauditions@bsfa.org</a> . + Audition and interview required	Auditions held 1/22-1/26
Banneker Blake Academy of Arts and Sciences (middle)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Bard High School Early College	11/16, 12/7, 12/21, 1/11 at 5 PM  Register for a spot on <a href="#">BHSEC website</a> .		List on City Schools choice application + Complete <a href="#">open house registration form (on BHSEC website)</a> + Attend an open house & complete writing assessment + Individual interview before City Schools choice application deadline	1/19/18    1/11/18  1/19/18
Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West (middle and high)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Booker T. Washington Middle School			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Carver Vocational-Technical High School	12/13, 4:30 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 475 for eligibility)	1/19/18
City Neighbors Charter School (middle)	12/14, 6:30 PM 1/10, 9 AM 1/18, 6:30 PM 1/29, 9 AM 1/30, 6:30 PM		Email, mail, fax or deliver <a href="#">City Neighbors application</a> to the school for admissions lottery	2/2/18, 3 PM
City Neighbors Hamilton (middle)	1/11, 9 AM 1/20, 1 PM 1/24, 6:30 PM 2/1, 6:30 PM		Email, mail or deliver <a href="#">City Neighbors Hamilton application</a> to the school for admissions lottery	2/2/18, 3 PM
City Neighbors High School	11/14, 6 PM 12/14, 6 PM		Email, mail or deliver <a href="#">City Neighbors HS application</a> to the school for admissions lottery	2/2/18
ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School (middle and high)	11/14, 9 AM 11/16, 9 AM		List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18

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Coppin Academy (high)	Register for an open house on the <a href="#">Coppin Academy website</a> : 11/30, 6:30-8:30 PM 1/13, 1-3 PM	Register for a shadow day on the <a href="#">Coppin Academy website</a> .	Submit an online <a href="#">Coppin Academy application</a> for admissions lottery.	1/25/18
Cross Country Elementary/Middle School Advanced Academics Program			List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 for eligibility)	1/19/18
The Crossroads School (middle)			Submit Crossroads application for admissions lottery	Unknown
Digital Harbor High School	11/21, 5 PM		List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Edmondson-Westside High School		11/15, 8:30 AM – noon 12/13, 8:30 AM – noon	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 475 for eligibility)	1/19/18
Empowerment Academy (middle)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Forest Park High School			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School Advanced Academics Program	11/10, 9:00-10:30 AM	11/16 12/6	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 for eligibility)	1/19/18
Frederick Douglass High School			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Friendship Academy of Engineering and Technology (middle and high)	11/14, 1 PM		List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Green Street Academy (middle and high)	12/13, 5 PM		Submit an online <a href="#">Green Street Academy application</a> for admissions lottery	2/2/18
Independence School Local I (high)		11/14, 8:15-11:30 AM	List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Ingenuity Project at....  <i>Hamilton Elementary/Middle Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle Roland Park Elementary/Middle</i>	11/18, 10 AM - noon at POLY		Submit <a href="#">Ingenuity online application</a> + List these three schools on City Schools choice application + Take the Ingenuity-administered CogAT test	12/20/17  1/19/18  1/27/18
KASA (middle and high)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
KIPP Ujima Village (middle)			Application available online in November	
Lillie May Carroll Jackson Charter School (middle)	12/13, 5-7 PM 1/17, 5-7 PM		Mail or deliver <a href="#">Lillie May application</a> for admission lottery	2/2/18
Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School	11/20, 5 PM 12/13, 5 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 475 for eligibility)	1/19/18
Midtown Academy (middle)	11/3, 1:30-3:00 PM 1/26, 1:30-3:00 PM RSVP to <a href="mailto:JDevon@themidtownacademy.com">JDevon@themidtownacademy.com</a>		Email, mail or deliver <a href="#">Midtown application</a> for admissions lottery	2/2/18, 3 PM
Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School Advanced Academics Program	11/16, 9 AM 12/5, 9 AM	11/28, 11/30, 12/12, or 12/14 8:30-11:20AM	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 for eligibility)	1/19/18
NACA Freedom and Democracy Academy II (middle and high)	12/1	12/8 12/15	List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
National Academy Foundation (NAF)			List on City Schools choice application  For HS applicants: interview required. Schedule through your school counselor or choice liaison or call NAF and schedule directly with Mr. Richardson.	1/19/18
New Era Academy (middle and high)	11/22, 9:30 AM	11/30, 9AM - noon	List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Patterson Park Public Charter School (middle)	11/11, 10 AM – noon <a href="#">RSVP online</a>		Submit online <a href="#">PPPCS application</a> for admissions lottery	2/2/18, 5 PM
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School	11/16, 5-7 PM 12/14, 5-7 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/19/18
Patterson High School			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
The REACH! Partnership School (middle and high)	11/13, 4:30 PM		List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Reginald F. Lewis High School			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Renaissance Academy (high)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Roland Park Elementary/Middle School Advanced Academics Program	11/16, 10:45 AM 12/7, 12:45 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 for eligibility)	1/19/18
Southwest Baltimore Charter School (middle)			Mail or deliver <a href="#">SBSCS application</a> for admission lottery	2/2/18, 4 PM
Stadium School (middle)			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Tunbridge Public Charter School (middle)	12/1, 8 AM 1/5, 8 AM 1/24, 9 AM 2/3, 10 AM		Submit Tunbridge application (available on <a href="#">Tunbridge website</a> in December) to the school for admissions lottery	2/5/18, 3:30 PM
Vanguard Collegiate Middle School			List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (high)	11/18, 10 AM 12/7, 5:30 PM		List on City Schools choice application	1/19/18
Waverly Elementary/Middle School Advanced Academics Program			List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 for eligibility)	1/19/18
Western High School	11/11, 12 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/19/18