



SUMMARY SHEET NEC High School Options Fair September/October 2018

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Northeast Consortium (NEC)—three schools attended by students living in the NEC area with the following Signature Programs:

- **James Hubert Blake:** Fine Arts and Humanities Signature
 - ❖ 300 Norwood Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20905
 - ❖ Signature Coordinator: Elizabeth Cooper, Elizabeth_H_Cooper@mcpsmd.org
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/blakehs/
- **Paint Branch:** Academy of Science and Media Signature
 - ❖ 14121 Old Columbia Pike Burtonsville, MD 20866
 - ❖ Signature Coordinator: Samantha Candia, Samantha_N_Candia@mcpsmd.org
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/paintbranchhs/
- **Springbrook:** IB World and Information Technology School
 - ❖ 201 Valley Brook Drive Silver Spring, MD 20904
 - ❖ Signature Coordinator: John Weinschel, John_R_Weinschel@mcpsmd.org
 - ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/springbrookhs/



NEC Choice Process Timeline and Magnet Application Deadline:

- September/October
 - Options Fairs
 - Career exploration activities in middle school
 - Evening Open Houses at each high school
 - Wednesday, October 3 – Paint Branch HS
 - Wednesday, October 17 – James Hubert Blake HS
 - Wednesday, October 24 – Springbrook HS
 - Choice form submission instructions mailed to students' homes (mid-October)
 - Evening enrollment meeting for private school and non-MCPS students – October 30
- November
 - Choice Form submission deadline– **Friday, November 2**
 - Magnet Application(s) due– **Friday, November 2**
- December
 - Testing for application programs – **Saturday, December 1**
- January
 - High school assignment letters mailed to students' home
- February
 - Magnet invitation letters mailed to student's home

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

- Science, Math & Computer Science Magnet Program at Montgomery Blair HS
- Richard Montgomery International Baccalaureate (IB) Magnet Program
- Global Ecology House at Poolesville HS
- Visual Art Center (VAC) at Albert Einstein HS
- Thomas Edison High School of Technology (TEHST)

DCC Application Programs - available only to students who live in the DCC or attend a DCC middle school: (competitive application, limited seats, geographic eligibility) - Applications due on Friday, November 2.

- Communication Arts Program (CAP) at Montgomery Blair HS
- Leadership Training Institute (LTI) at John F. Kennedy HS
- Biomedical Program at Wheaton HS
- Engineering Program at Wheaton HS

* Individual information meetings are held at each high school for each application program. Visit school's website for specific dates and times.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do all of the NEC high schools have in common?

- Comprehensive curriculum, rigorous courses, Honors/AP courses, special education programs, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) programs*, partnerships with universities, colleges, businesses

What is a Signature Program?

- An instructional program developed around a central theme designed to appeal to students' interests. All NEC high schools offer comprehensive programs.

What is a student's base high school?

- Based on your home address
- Guarantee of base HS assignment when placed 1st on initial *Choice* form
- Can be found by visiting : <http://gis.mcpsmd.org/SchoolAssignmentTool2/Index.xhtml>

What is Round 2?

- Round 2 is the second opportunity for students and parents to participate in the Choice process, for the upcoming school year, by ranking the high school(s) in order based on the signature of interest.

Who can participate in Round 2?

- Round 2 is available to students who did not get their first choice in Round 1, students on transfer within the NEC, and new students to the NEC area. Students who participated in Round 1 may not change their choices in Round 2.

How can I participate in Round 2?

- If you did not get your first choice in Round 1- Complete a resubmit form on-line requesting participation in Round 2. Original choices will be re-entered. Re-entry of choices does not guarantee first choice in Round 2.
- Choices may not be changed from Round 1 to Round 2.
- If you are a new student to the NEC area since the Round 1 deadline- Submit a completed Choice form to the DCCAPS office by deadline for Round 2, February 15, 2019.

How do students who live outside the NEC but attend an NEC middle school participate in NEC Choice?

- Transfer students participate in Round 2 of the lottery which occurs after Round 1 in early February
- They will receive choice form submission instructions in the mail.
- Round 2 forms need to be submitted by Feb. 15, 2019.
- Round 2 assignment letters are mailed out in March.

*ESOL – NEC high schools vary in ESOL offerings. Not all NEC high schools offer ESOL levels 1, 2 and 3.

This evening's PowerPoint can be found on the NEC website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nec/>

