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Dance

2010-2011 Assessment Guidelines

The Dance department at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts thanks you for your interest in our program. Our Dance prime provides a well-rounded education in dance forms, preparing the student for further training in college or at a professional school.

BCPS Magnet EXPO!: **Saturday, October 3, 2009** **10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
Crowne Plaza Timonium

Open House **October 28, 2009** **6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** **Patapsco High School**

Application Deadline: **November 30, 2009**

Application packets are available at www.bcps.org/offices/omp. Applications must be received or postmarked on or before November 30, 2009. Late applications are not processed.

Applications MUST be mailed to:
High School Magnet Application
Office of Magnet Programs
6901 Charles Street
Towson, MD 21204

It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to submit a complete application and a copy of all report card grades for the 2008-2009 school year.

Assessment reminders will be mailed to all applicants.

*Parents/Guardians of applicants who have NOT received notification at least five (5) days prior to the assessment date **MUST** contact the school to verify/schedule an appointment.*

Audition Prep Day **December 12, 2009** **9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Applicants may choose to come in on this optional workshop day and fine tune their auditioning skills. Teachers will be on hand to work with students on technique and repertoire in preparation for the January Assessments. Make your reservation no later than December 4, 2009, for the **Audition Prep Day** by contacting Liberty Grayek, PHS/CFA Magnet Coordinator, at 410-282-6380 or phscfamagnet@bcps.org.

Audition **January 9 & 16, 2010** **(assessments by appointment)**

Applicants must call PHS/CFA at 410-282-6380 after December 15, 2009 to schedule an audition.

All applicants will be scheduled for a three and a half hour audition and interview at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts on January 9 or 16, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These are the only two available dates for the audition. Students will be advised of their appointments during the week prior to the audition. Applicants must attend the school-based assessment for the program to which they applied.

Failure to attend an assessment WILL result in disqualification.

Inclement Weather: In the event that schools are closed due to inclement weather, weeknight magnet assessments will be postponed. Weekend magnet assessments will be postponed if the snow emergency plan is put into effect for Baltimore County. Postponed assessments will occur on the designated inclement weather date.

Inclement Weather Date: January 30, 2010

Directions to Patapsco:

From Interstate 695 East

Take the Merritt Blvd. Exit, Exit 39, toward Dundalk.

Drive approximately 1.5 miles to the intersection of Merritt Blvd. and Wise Ave.

Turn left on Wise Ave. Drive approximately 1 mile.

The school is on the left side of Wise Ave.

PHS/CFA Dance Assessment Information

Prior to the Audition

Students need to complete the Resume Questionnaire (attached) prior to coming to the audition. Students need to bring the completed Resume Questionnaire with them on audition day.

Do **NOT** mail the questionnaire to the Office of Magnet Programs with your application.

On the Day of the Audition **The audition takes about 3½ hours.**

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Use the school entrance at Wise Ave. and Inverness Ave. ***Student more than 15 minutes late may not be admitted into the audition.*** Due to personnel and time constraints, auditions may not be rescheduled. Parents may stay on-site during the audition or return to the school by 12:00 p.m. **Students should bring the completed Resume Questionnaire with them on audition day.**

The audition will consist of a technique class that will include a ballet and modern assessment. In addition, there will be a guided improvisation and composition assessment. All dance applicants will be given a compositional problem to solve with instructions and time to work on their creative solution. They will present their short dance composition, created during the audition, to the adjudicators. Students should not come with a prepared piece.

Appropriate Dance Attire Required

Students should wear leotard and tights for dance class (close fitting athletic clothes for male students is acceptable). The ballet portion of the class will require ballet slippers; the modern portion will require bare feet or modern dance shoes. Convertible or footless tights are required for the modern section. Hair should be pulled away from the face and neck.

Dress for audition:

1. Leotard and convertible tights (female applicants) OR
close fitting athletic pants and shirt (male applicants)
2. Ballet Slippers
3. Hair pulled up

Admission Criteria and Point Values:

Technique (Mastery, Musicality, Phrasing, Stage Presence) - Up to 20 points

Alignment (Placement, Joint Articulation & Muscular Coordination) - Up to 20 points

Attire - Up to 20 points

Effort (Quality & Accentuation, Range of Motion) - Up to 20 points

Interview - Up to 10 points

Resume Questionnaire - Up to 10 points

The maximum possible score is 100 points. Applicants need to earn at least 80 points to qualify for admission.

