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Visual Arts 2010-2011 Assessment Guidelines

The Art department at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts is dedicated to the study, appreciation, and creation of visual art. Students will have opportunities to explore two areas: fine arts and visual communication. We believe that students should experience the latest technology the field has to offer, as well as learning the time honored traditional approaches to creating art. A student successfully completing our four-year program will have the skills and knowledge needed to continue the study of art after high school. They will have the experience of working with established persons in the field. We are committed to providing students with an appreciation and understanding of art that they will carry with them through their life experiences.

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 Night**November 12, 2009****5:30 – 7:00 p.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 assist in creating works for the portfolio review portion of the January Assessments. Students will also be invited to attend Patapsco's annual Quarter Works Art Exhibition and Awards to be held that evening from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Make your reservation no later than November 5, 2009, for the **Audition Prep Night** 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 two and a half hour audition and interview, at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts on January 9 or 16, 2010, from either 9:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 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 Visual Arts Assessment Information

Prior to the Audition

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

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

Students will need to prepare a portfolio following the guidelines provided in the next section. Students need to bring the complete portfolio with them on audition day.

On the Day of the Audition

The audition takes about 2½ hours.

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

On the day of your audition you will need:

1. Your portfolio
2. Applicant Questionnaire

Portfolio Review:

Art teachers are asked to assist students in preparing portfolios, which students will keep. Contents to be included are:

1. Student Visual Art Portfolio: Design and make your own portfolio.
 - a) size 23" x 30" (Approx.)
 - b) sturdy
 - c) creatively designed
 - d) easy to carry
 - e) easy to open
 - f) made by the student
2. Two Drawings from Direct Observation (pencil, 12" X 18" or larger—must be from life, no copies). Choose 2 of the following:
 - a) self-portrait using a mirror
 - b) corner of a room
 - c) 3-5 objects with a background
 - d) an environment
3. A Color Work from Direct Observation (12" X 18" or larger—must be from life, do not copy from photos or magazines. Any color medium may be used such as: paint, colored pencil, pastel, markers, etc.).
4. Knowledge of Artist—Applicants should come prepared to talk about a favorite artist. Through discussion, they should be able to communicate that they have researched and studied the work of their chosen artist.
5. Sketch Book should include independent work from home as well as class work. Drawings should be from direct observation. Pages should show idea development (quick sketches), experimentation, project notes, and creative writings related to art. Do not include copies of cartoons.
6. Other Works of Art Completed Within the Past Two Years—may be painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, digital media, imagination or observation.

Artistic Audition

All applicants are scheduled for a portfolio and artistic audition on January 9 or 16, 2010, at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts. All applicants should be on time and prepared to work artistically for two and a half hours in order to complete the audition process. Please note that audition works (but not portfolios) will be retained by the visual arts department. All needed materials will be supplied.

Admission Criteria and Point Values:

Portfolio (2 Observational Drawings, 1 Color Work, Additional Work) - Up to 20 points
Design Task (Unique Solution, Craftsmanship, Elaboration, Design Organization) - Up to 20 points

Drawing Task (Proportion, Value, Mark/Technique, Attention to Detail) - Up to 20 points

Audition Effort (Focus, Direction Following, Appropriate Use of Materials, Use of Time) - Up to 20 points

Interview (Content Discussion, Artist Knowledge, Artistic Goals, Interest) - Up to 20 points

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

