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GENERAL INFORMATION

REPORT CARD INFORMATION

All students receive report cards four times a year. Students will receive the following grades:

- **A = 90%-100%** (Outstanding performance in mastering of the subject. Achievement of superior quality).
- **B = 80%-89%** (Consistent performance and achievement beyond the usual requirements of the course. Achievement of high quality).
- **C = 70%-79%** (Performance of a satisfactory nature. Achievement demonstrating an understanding of the subject sufficient for continued study in the discipline).
- **D = 60%-69%** (Minimally acceptable performance. Achievement demonstrating below average understanding of the basic elements of the course).
- **E = 0%-59%** (Achievement at a level insufficient to demonstrate).

Report card dates are listed in the Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) yearly calendar.

Parents may stay informed of their child’s progress by accessing his/her grades via the Home Access Center (HAC).

Information regarding HAC may be obtained by contacting your child’s school.

COMPOSITION OF GRADES

Calvert County Public Schools recognizes that a student’s grade for a course should reflect what the student understands and is able to do. To accomplish this, each assignment that is recorded in a teacher’s grade book will be identified as either a Product Assignment or a Process Assignment. Calvert County Public Schools defines these terms as follows:

**Product Assignments** – These assessments of learning are assignments and assessments given at a point in time when the teacher expects the students to have mastered the material. These could include—but are not limited to—district assessments, unit assessments, mid-unit assessments, benchmarks, quizzes, performance tasks, projects, term papers, essays, and presentations.

**Process Assignments** – These assessments for learning are assignments and assessments given at a point in time when the students are progressing towards mastery. Process assignments should vary in type. These could include—but are not limited to—independent practice on daily assignments, homework, brief progress checks, warm-ups, exit tickets, and reflections. A student’s grade in a course is based on a minimum of 70% product and a maximum of 30% process grades.

HONOR ROLL CRITERIA

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.0 or better with no D’s or E’s in order to be placed on the Honor Roll for a marking period.

HIGH HONOR ROLL CRITERIA

A student must earn a grade point average of 4.0 in order to be placed on the High Honor Roll for a marking period.
**PROMOTION POLICY**

- If a student fails one major subject (i.e., English Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, or Science), the student is required to re-take the course in summer school. The student must pass the summer school course with a D or better in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Failure to attend and pass summer school will result in grade retention.
- If a student fails two major subjects, as defined above, the student is required to retake those subjects in summer school and pass both courses with a D or better in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Failure to attend and pass both courses in summer school will result in grade retention.
- If a student fails three or more major subjects, as defined above, or if a student has been absent 18 or more days in a school year, that student will be considered for retention.
- Final determination of grade placement will be made by the principal.

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES: GRADE 6**

A typical sixth grade student receives instruction in the following subjects: English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, and Physical Education. Students will elect either Instrumental Music, Chorus, Strings or Music Appreciation, and will take a related arts rotation that includes Gateway to Technology, Health, Art, and Family and Consumer Science.

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES: GRADE 7**

Study of the core academic subjects will continue in the seventh grade. Students may elect a World Language. Students not enrolled in World Language will be enrolled in a quarterly rotation of Art, Family and Consumer Sciences, Gateway to Technology, and Computer Explorations. Students will remain in the chorus, band, or string program, or take music appreciation.

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES: GRADE 8**

The core academic subjects of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science are also required in eighth grade. Eighth grade students will continue Health and Physical Education as in earlier grades. They may pair Health and Physical Education with any Fine Arts option: Chorus, Band, Orchestra, Music Appreciation, or Art. Eighth grade students may continue in a World Language or elect to start level 1 of a World Language if they did not begin a World Language in seventh grade, or they may elect to take one semester each from two of the following: Family and Consumer Sciences, Gateway to Technology, or Computer Applications.
A general outline of the middle school program of studies is shown below.

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<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Core</th>
<th>PE, Health, and Fine Arts</th>
<th>Related Arts and World Language</th>
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| Sixth | English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math | PE Music – Choice of:  
- Music Appreciation  
- Choral Music  
- Instrumental Music (Band)  
- Orchestra | One quarter each of:  
- Family and Consumer Science  
- Gateway to Technology  
- Art  
- Health |
| Seventh | English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math | PE and Health Music – Choice of:  
- Music Appreciation  
- Choral Music  
- Instrumental Music (Band)  
- Orchestra | World Language 1  
OR  
One quarter each of:  
- Family and Consumer Science  
- Gateway to Technology  
- Art  
- Computer Explorations  |
| Eighth | English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math | PE and Health Fine Art – Choice of:  
- Music Appreciation  
- Choral Music  
- Instrumental Music (Band)  
- Orchestra  
- Art | World Language 1 or 2  
OR  
One semester of two of these:  
- Family and Consumer Science  
- Gateway to Technology  
- Computer Applications |

**CORE CURRICULUM**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)**

The English Language Arts (ELA) courses present an integrated approach to reading, writing, language, and speaking/listening skill development. All areas are blended and taught together through grade-level curricular units centered on themes. These units are based on Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. Students build on earlier instruction to reach mastery of the analysis of texts and the writing of argument, exposition, and narration, as well as refinement of vocabulary, speaking and listening, and language usage.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

The sequence of courses for middle school social studies is: World History, Pt. 1: The Ancient World (6th grade), World History, Pt. 2: Transition to Modern Times (7th grade) and United States History: 1763 to 1890 (8th grade).
Sixth Grade: Students will examine significant ideas, beliefs, themes, organized patterns and events in world history from ancient times through the fall of Rome. Students will also analyze how individuals and societies change over time. This course will heavily incorporate the five themes of geography.

Seventh Grade: Students will examine significant ideas, beliefs, themes, organized patterns and events in world history from the fall of Rome through the Age of Exploration. Students will also analyze how individuals and societies change over time. This course will heavily incorporate the five themes of geography.

Eighth Grade: Students will examine significant ideas, beliefs, themes, organized patterns and events in United States history from the colonization through the end of post-Civil War Reconstruction. Students will also analyze how the United States population and American society changed over time.

Honors social studies students are expected to engage in and complete an extended research project which culminates in a History Fair project or Research Paper consistent with History Fair requirements.

Standard level social studies students are expected to engage in periodic short-term research projects. These students may also be asked to complete a History Fair project at the discretion of their teacher.

MATHEMATICS

Math 6
In Grade 6, instructional time focuses on four critical areas: (1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; (2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; (3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and (4) developing understanding of statistical thinking. Students take the Math 6 PARCC Assessment at the end of the course.

Math 7
In Grade 7, instructional time focuses on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples. Students take the Math 7 PARCC Assessment at the end of the course.

Math 8
In Grade 8, instructional time focuses on three critical areas: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. Students take the Math 8 PARCC Assessment at the end of the course.

Honors Level
There are some students who are able to master mathematical concepts at a higher pace. These students may choose to take high school mathematics beginning in eighth grade so they can take college-level mathematics in high school. Students who are capable of progressing through curriculum
more quickly deserve thoughtful attention, both to ensure that they are challenged and that they are mastering the full range of mathematical content and skills—without omitting critical concepts and topics. Care must be taken to ensure that students master and fully understand all important topics in the mathematics curriculum, and that the continuity of the mathematics learning progression is not disrupted.

To prepare students for high school mathematics in eighth grade, Calvert County Public Schools offers a well-crafted sequence of compacted courses. The term “compacted” means to compress content, which requires a faster pace to complete, as opposed to skipping content; the idea that content should compact from 3 years into 2 years, at most. In other words, compacting content from 2 years into 1 year would be too challenging, and compacting 4 years of content into 3 years starting in grade 7 runs the risk of compacting across middle and high schools. As such, the compacted sequence, or, “Accelerated Math,” compacts grades 7, 8, and High School Algebra I into two years: “CCSS Accelerated Math 7/8” and “CCSS Accelerated Math 8/Algebra I.” Upon successful completion of this pathway, students will be ready for Geometry or concurrent enrollment in Geometry and Algebra II in high school.

**Honors Math 6**

The fundamental purpose of this honors level course is to deepen the students understanding of the 6th grade content standards through the use of the modeling cycle. Modeling links classroom mathematics and statistics to everyday life, work, and decision making. Modeling is the process of choosing and using appropriate mathematics and statistics to analyze empirical situations, to understand them better and to improve decisions. In Grade 6, instructional time focuses on four critical areas: (1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; (2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes operations with negative numbers; (3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and (4) developing understanding of statistical thinking. Through the use of the modeling cycle students will be prepared for CCSS Accelerated Math 7/8 in 7th grade. Students take the Math 6 PARCC Assessment at the end of the course.

**CCSS Accelerated Math 7/8**

This honors level course differs from the standard 7th Grade course in that it contains content from 8th grade. Coherence is retained in that the course logically builds from the 6th Grade. The additional content, when compared to the standard course, demands a faster pace for instruction and learning. Content is organized into four critical areas. Instructional time focuses on: (1) developing a unified understanding of number, recognizing fractions, decimals (that have a finite or a repeating decimal representation), and percents as different representations of rational numbers; (2) using linear equations and systems of linear equations to represent, analyze, and solve a variety of problems; (3) building on previous work with single data distributions to compare two data distributions and address questions about differences between populations; (4) continuing work with area from Grade 6, solving problems involving the area and circumference of a circle and surface area of three-dimensional objects. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations. Students take the Math 7 PARCC Assessment at the end of the course.

**CCSS Accelerated Math 8/Algebra I**

The fundamental purpose of this honors level course is to formalize and extend the mathematics that students learned through the end of seventh grade. Coherence is retained in that the course logically
builds from Accelerated Math 7/8. The additional content, when compared to the standard course, demands a faster pace for instruction and learning. The critical areas deepen and extend understanding of linear and exponential relationships by contrasting them with each other and by applying linear models to data that exhibit a linear trend. Students engage in methods for analyzing, solving, and using quadratic functions. In addition, the critical areas will introduce methods for analyzing and using quadratic functions, including manipulating expressions for them, and solving quadratic equations. Students understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem and use quadratic functions to model and solve problems. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout each course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations. This course differs from High School Algebra I in that it contains content from 8th grade. Students take the Algebra I PARCC Assessment at the end of the course.

**Middle School Mathematics Course Sequence**

The diagram below should help clarify the middle school mathematics program:

Students in both Math 6 and Honors Math 6 are eligible for CCSS Accelerated Math 7/8. Their 7th grade placement is determined by criteria outlined on the 7th Grade Mathematics Placement Guide.

* Students enrolled in Accelerated Math 8/Algebra I will take the Algebra I PARCC Assessment at the end of the course. This assessment is a high school graduation requirement. Students who successfully complete Accelerated Math 8/Algebra I are eligible to earn high school credit for Algebra I. These students still must take a mathematics course every year that they are enrolled in high school.

**SCIENCE**

The middle school science program is an active, hands-on exploration into science, which extends and expands the elementary science program and links to the high school curriculum. For 2017-2018, eighth grade will transition to the Next Generation Science Standards and cover Life and Earth Science Concepts. The Sixth Grade Science course has transitioned to the Next Generation Science Standards and includes Physical and Earth Science concepts. The 7th grade science course has transitioned to the Next Generation Science Standards and includes Life, Earth, and Physical Science concepts. Middle school science courses are inquiry-based, and laboratory work is an integral part of them. All students are encouraged to participate in science fairs.

All seventh grade students participate in a service learning project while studying the environment. The service learning requirement includes a CHESPAX field trip and a study related to Interactions in Ecosystems with emphasis on Submerged Aquatic Vegetation. All eighth grade students participate in a service learning project while studying Earth’s systems. The service learning requirement involves a study of amphibians in Calvert County.
HEALTH

The middle school health education program is provided for one marking period to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The focus of the health education program is to provide students with knowledge and skills needed to live a healthy lifestyle.

Health in grade 6 is part of the Related Arts rotation. Health 6 covers the topics of Mental and Emotional Health, and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs. D.A.R.E., presented by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Department, is a component of 6th grade health education.

Health in grade 7 and grade 8 is provided during Physical Education for one marking period. Grade 7 Health education concentrates on the topics of Alcohol, Nutrition and Fitness, and Family Life and Human Sexuality. Grade 8 Health content includes the topics of Mental and Emotional Health; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs; Family Life and Human Sexuality; and Disease Prevention.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education at the middle school reflects accommodations for the unique needs and developmental characteristics of the adolescent learner. Active learning experiences fostering specific learning outcomes enhance the opportunities for successful performance by each student. The curriculum includes units on physical fitness, physical skills in a variety of team and individual sports, dance, and lifetime sports. Students are required to wear a physical education uniform.

OTHER PROGRAMS OF STUDY

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

An integral component of the regular school program for all sixth and seventh grade students, Environmental Education primarily consists of a series of first-hand learning experiences in the outdoors. The chief purpose of the program is to develop in students an understanding of and an appreciation for their environment. Topics include; archaeology, earth systems, and ecology in combination with current scientific and social implications and their relationship to the future of the local environment.

FINE ARTS

The programs in Fine Arts contribute to the establishment of a life-long relationship with the arts for all students. Participants in music and visual arts courses of study develop the ability to perceive and respond to the expressive qualities of the arts; to understand the arts in historical, cultural, and social contexts; to organize knowledge and ideas for creative expression and performance; and to make aesthetic decisions and judgments.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Students explore a diversity of music styles and types with a multi-cultural emphasis. Recognizing music as organized sound and silence, students manipulate the elements of pitch, duration, dynamics, and tone color in creatively expressive ways. In class, students engage in performance opportunities such as singing, playing the guitar, recording, and playing rhythm and melody instruments. They develop insight into the creative efforts of others while realizing and fulfilling their own creative potential.

CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Choral and instrumental music students develop an understanding of varying types and styles of music literature through performance in small and large ensembles, including choruses, bands, and orchestras. An emphasis upon critical thinking encourages and challenges students to compare and contrast
creative efforts. Choral and instrumental music ensembles often participate in public performances. Public performance is a required component of these courses. Students are required to provide their own instruments.

**VISUAL ARTS**

Courses in the visual arts develop students’ abilities to perceive, explore, and produce art works. Based upon the principles of design--line, light/color, texture, shape, and form--students learn about art history, art criticism, and aesthetics while working with several media: drawing, painting, sculpture, graphics, clay, macramé, commercial art, and stitching/appliqué.

**ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES - ESOL**

This course is designed for students who are bilingual or whose first language is other than American English. Students will gain listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to acquire and improve basic interpersonal communication skills (BICs). In addition, students will receive support with language components necessary in content area coursework: Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency skills (CALPs). Students may enroll in this course multiple years. Placement into this course is based on English Language Proficiency Assessment score.

**WORLD LANGUAGES**

**FRENCH AND SPANISH**

Seventh and eighth grade students may select a World Language. These courses serve as the foundation for the development of a student’s proficiency in the language. Emphasis is given both to developing the basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and to introducing a student to the culture and daily living practices of the native speakers of the language. Students must possess excellent study skills to be successful in the middle school world language program. These students may select either French I or Spanish I in lieu of related arts. The World Language sequence is as follows:

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<th>Grade 7</th>
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<td>Grade 8</td>
<td>French II or Spanish II</td>
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Students who successfully complete World Language I and/or World Language II are eligible to earn high school credit.

**MEDIA CENTER**

The media center is a fundamental part of the total instructional program. Services are available to all students and staff members. Media specialists assist teachers both in developing lessons and units and providing them with related materials. Students are encouraged to learn and apply study, research, reference, and critical thinking skills, and to become life-long readers. They receive instruction in the organization of the media center and the use of technological equipment. Various print and non-print materials and equipment are housed in the media center.

**RELATED ARTS**

**COMPUTER EXPLORATIONS & APPLICATIONS**

Students are introduced to basic keyboarding and computer application skills. Students use software to create spreadsheet, database, and word processing documents. Software is also used to model problem solving. Finally, students, with parental permission, use the Internet to gather research information.
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
In the Family and Consumer Sciences classes, students begin the process of becoming independent, productive citizens. Studying Family and Consumer Sciences will enhance students’ ability to make appropriate decisions that improve their quality of life. Topics include financial literacy, nutrition and wellness, textiles, human development, and careers. It is the aim of Family and Consumer Science courses that all students increase their ability to act responsibly and productively, work cooperatively, apply concepts of balancing school, work and family, create solutions to critical issues, utilize technology effectively in personal and family settings, and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Family and Consumer Science provides a bridge needed by all students to deal with life issues.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
Calvert County Public Schools has implemented the Gateway to Technology (GTT) program of study. The Program Sequence follows: 6th grade is Design and Modeling, 7th grade is Energy and the Environment, 8th Grade is Automation and Robotics. This program features a project-based curriculum designed to challenge and engage the natural curiosity and imagination of middle school students. Students envision, design and test ideas with advanced modeling software. Throughout GTT, students acquire knowledge and skills in problem solving, teamwork, and innovations as well as explore STEM careers.

SERVICE LEARNING
Service Learning is a process by which students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service experiences that meet actual community needs. These activities are coordinated between the schools and the community. The Calvert County Service Learning model is a comprehensive, integrated curriculum involving several instructional areas. The goals of this program are to have students:

- accept some measure of responsibility for the welfare of others in their community;
- gain experience in planning a program of service learning;
- implement an action plan of service to the community; and
- engage in meaningful activities to reflect on the experience of performing service to the community.

The Service Learning curriculum consists of three phases: preparation, action and reflection. Certain subject areas are assigned major responsibilities for ensuring that these conditions are met. Students must earn 75 hours of service learning prior to graduation. All grade level projects were developed under content supervisor direction with input from selected teacher teams and community partner organizations.
Calvert County Public Schools
Student Service-Learning Grade Level Projects

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<td>Habits Creation</td>
<td>Science</td>
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<td>Two</td>
<td>Recycling Advocacy</td>
<td>Science</td>
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<td>Three</td>
<td>Terrapin Restoration</td>
<td>Science</td>
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<td>Four</td>
<td>Historic Preservation</td>
<td>Social Studies</td>
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<td>Seven</td>
<td>Bay Grasses in the Classroom &amp; Environmental Data Bank Project</td>
<td>Science</td>
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Optional Project: Meritorious Student Service-Learning

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Special education services are provided to students who have been determined through appropriate evaluation to have a disability and require special education and related services. Class placement for students who receive special education services will be determined by an IEP team of which the parent is a member. CCPS provides a continuum of special education services to include placement in general education, co-taught classrooms, special education classroom, regional program or placement at Calvert Country School. Related services are provided to students with disabilities based on individual student needs as determined through the IEP process.

**INTERVENTIONS**

Interventions are provided to students who have not achieved grade level standards. The goal of these interventions is to help students who are not making satisfactory progress return to the path of adequate development. Intervention supports are delivered by trained staff during and outside of the school day, and may occur in the regular and/or special education classroom or in small group settings. Student enrollment in interventions is based upon the results of assessments and other data about classroom performance. These sources of data are used to match program with student need. Interventions may be short-term or long-term in duration.
COMPLETER PATHWAYS
The middle school years constitute an excellent time for students to continue their career exploration and planning. Middle school students are exposed to a variety of career exploration exercises that assist them in formulating a career plan. By the time they enter high school, students will have completed a four-year course plan and have selected one of two career pathways: College Prep and/or Career and Technology Education (CTE) or both (dual completer).

College preparation programs are designed to meet both the state graduation requirements and the University of Maryland System admission requirements. High school teachers and school counselors are prepared to assist students who seek to study at colleges and universities outside the state university system.

Many CTE programs are housed at the Career Technology Academy. All of these programs are designed to prepare students for post-secondary education and/or employment. Students may earn college credit through the successful completion of some of these programs. Students must complete a CTE and/or College Prep program in order to be eligible for a high school diploma.

COURSE OFFERING NOTE: To maximize utilization of staff, the Principal may deem it necessary to close a course(s) due to insufficient enrollment, or to limit enrollment in over-enrolled courses.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

ACTIVITIES
A variety of activities are available. Musically inclined students may perform in the school’s band, chorus, or orchestra. Others may participate in dramatic productions and/or in various intramural and interscholastic sports. School, county, regional and national science and history fairs are held yearly. Teachers in each school may also sponsor clubs of interest to students.

ATHLETICS
Athletics in middle school promotes dedication, responsibility, leadership and school spirit. All students that are eligible may attend a clinic session and try-out for a team. The middle school athletic program has nominal fees associated with the program. These fees are as follows:

• Sport-specific, skill-oriented clinics - Students will be required to pay a one-time, non-refundable fee of $35.00 that must be paid before students can participate in these clinics. At the end of the clinic, a team will be selected from the participants.
• Selection for a team - If a student is selected for the team, a one-time, non-refundable fee of $30.00 will be required.
• Participation in all three seasonal clinics - A one-time, non-refundable fee of $35.00 will allow a middle school student to participate in all three seasonal clinics.
• Participation in all three seasonal teams - A one-time, non-refundable $30.00 fee will allow a middle school student to participate in all three sports if selected for the teams.
• Families with three or more children will only be required to pay for 2 children.
• Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will automatically be exempt from participation fees.

The fees described above help to offset the costs of operating the interscholastic middle school athletic program.
**ARTS ENRICHMENT**

Students are provided with frequent opportunities to enrich their learning in the art as well as in other academic areas by participating in in-school and out-of-school activities. These activities range from artists-in-residence and visiting artists to field trips that include museums and performances in dance, music, and theater.

**ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

In order to participate in extra-curricular activities, high school and middle school students must meet a minimum standard of academic achievement. Academic eligibility is required for participation in all activities that are sponsored by a staff member or a designee appointed by the principal, that meet a minimum of ten times each school year, and that are not an extension of a curricular program. In order to participate in extracurricular activities, a student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average with no more than one failing grade. All students are eligible at the beginning of the year. Quarterly grades determine winter and spring eligibility.

**COMPUTERS**

Computer-assisted instruction is used in each middle school to supplement instruction in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and other academic areas. This interactive instruction permits students to progress at their individual rates, and, if desired, to explore topics in more depth.

**SUMMER SCHOOL**

A summer program for middle school students who have not met the Calvert County course standards is offered. Summer School information is available from school and on the Calvertnet website after May 15 of each school year.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**STUDENT SERVICES**

School counselors, pupil personnel workers, school psychologists, and the school liaison officer work with students, parents, and teachers on a regular basis. They provide supportive services so that students may succeed in their educational endeavors.

School counselors serve the students through classroom guidance activities as well as individual and group counseling in the areas of social skills, academic concerns, self-awareness, personal development, and career exploration. The school counselor acts as a resource to students, parents, school staff, and also serves as a link in the school-home communication process.

The Pupil Personnel Worker especially focuses upon students who have chronic attendance, adjustment, or learning problems. The Pupil Personnel Worker works with county health services representatives, social services personnel, and other community agencies and representatives to assist students in becoming successful in school.

The school psychologist, who has training in the basic theories and applied techniques of psychology as well as experience in education, works with students who can benefit from his or her expertise. Services may take the forms of individual student evaluations, individual or group counseling, and parent conferences. The school psychologist can also recommend to parents and educators special strategies that will assist a specific student in improving his or her academic performance.
The school liaison officer program consists of law enforcement officers who visit schools regularly, assist
the administration with special problems, and sometimes assist teachers in presenting lessons about
drug and alcohol abuse. The officers also meet with some students on an individual basis to provide
special counseling services.
CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in a Maryland public school system and have earned a minimum of 23 ½ credits that include the following:

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<td>English</td>
<td>4 credits</td>
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<td>Pathway Requirements</td>
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<td>Local Academic Requirement to Promote College &amp; Career Readiness*</td>
<td>1 additional credit beyond pathway requirements in one of these categories:</td>
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Students must also meet attendance and service learning requirements.

*Students entering grade 9 in 2014 or after are required to take a math course each year they are enrolled in high school.

*The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) states that a student should select a balance between life, physical, and earth science courses.
### CCPS MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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