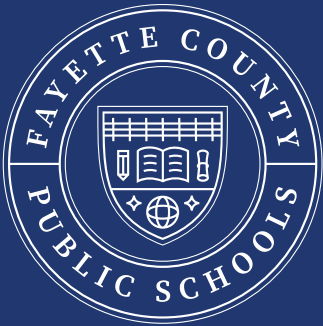


2025-26 School Year



Magnet and School Programs

School Choice Catalog



EVERY CHILD who enters Fayette County Public Schools has unique strengths and talents. Our job as a school district is to provide students with the experiences needed to reach their unlimited potential. In FCPS, each individual is inspired to learn, supported to succeed, and challenged to discover their path to success in college, career, and life. Recognizing that one size does not fit all, the district augments the offerings in traditional schools with a variety of Gifted & Talented (GT), Magnet, and School Programs designed to meet the diverse learning needs of our students. This booklet provides an introduction to those options and opportunities.

The application window for the 2025-26 academic year is March 1-17. Please visit www.fcps.net/application for details.

Questions? Email special.programs@fayette.kyschools.us or call (859) 422-0071.

Note: Unless otherwise specified on a school page in this booklet, all applications must be submitted within the districtwide application window. Also, all schools provide transportation according to district transportation policy; visit fcps.net/bus for details.

FCPS reserves the right to make changes to the application and entrance requirements for all programs offered throughout the district.

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First 5 Lex

Ages Birth to 5

Read, Talk, Play gives your family access to:

- Information about early learning
- Fun, age-appropriate activities
- Community experiences to enjoy
- Ideas on how to Read, Talk and Play with your child

What is First 5 Lex?

First 5 Lex brings together our community to support your child and family, from quality prenatal care through early childhood. Let's create a love of lifelong learning together! Parent and caregiver interactions with children from birth to age 5 are the key to future success.

Why is Birth to 5 such a big deal?

Children's early brain development — particularly from birth to 5 years — is a foundation for a strong community. First 5 Lex: Read, Talk, Play provides support for parents, caregivers, and community members as we build a solid foundation for all the learning yet to come.

- You impact brain development when you Read, Talk and Play with your little one!
- 90% of a child's brain develops before age 5, developing fastest before age 3.
- Students who start school kindergarten-ready are more successful in school and in life.

Get the free First 5 Lex app!

@First5Lex

<https://www.first5lex.com/>



Breckinridge Elementary

K-5th grade

For 2025-26, Breckinridge Elementary is establishing a first-of-its kind elementary magnet school for innovative leadership and civic engagement. Authentic inquiry-based projects will bridge learning content to students' lived experiences and local communities. Students will also explore their passions, talents, interests, and aspirations to become critical and competently engaged members of their communities.

We will provide rigorous, engaging instruction and enrichment experiences to develop well-rounded, self-reliant students prepared for college, careers, and civic life.

Entrance is determined by lottery and limited by space.

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Dixie Magnet Elementary

K-5th grade

At Dixie, all students learn at high levels through personalized learning. This student-centered model includes self-reflection and goal setting, targeted instruction, data-driven decision making, and student voice and choice. Our students participate in project-based learning, a dynamic classroom approach where children acquire deeper knowledge through active exploration to solve real-world challenges and problems.

We provide a school environment where each child can:

- Appreciate their uniqueness
- Realize their full potential
- Develop and learn according to their own style and ability
- Become a responsible, successful learner and citizen

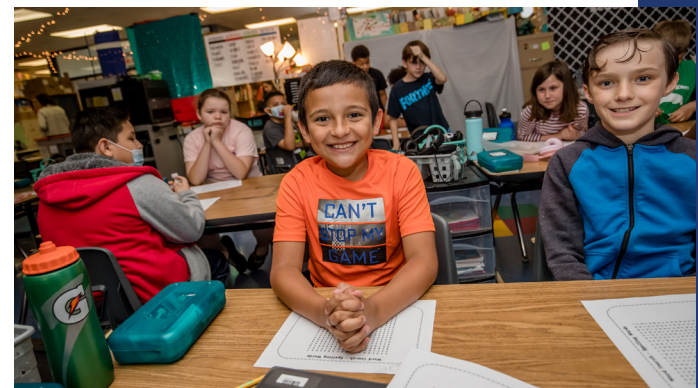
Our goal is to empower students to be leaders and a positive force in our changing world.

Entrance is determined by lottery and limited by space.

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George Washington Carver STEM Academy for Boys

K-5th grade

We equip scholars with skills and strategies that foster curiosity and opportunity in the STEM career field. STEM is infused in math, reading, social studies, and science instruction – creating a unique environment with hands-on learning. We also pursue agricultural studies through partnerships with University of Kentucky, the Living Arts & Science Center, and Seedleaf. In addition, we have strong relationships with community organizations like Omega Psi Phi and Black Soil.

Grades K-1: Entrance is determined by lottery and space availability.

Grades 2-5: A selection committee reviews applicants and considers behavior, academics, and attendance criteria.

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Harrison Elementary

K-5th grade

Starting in 2025-26, Harrison becomes an arts-focused magnet school. Students will have opportunities to engage in music, dance, visual arts, theater, and multimedia arts as a means to — and an expression of — their learning. Performances and exhibits will be a key component of the programming, and they will be designed for different purposes and audiences.

Harrison will be the sister magnet elementary to the nearby Lexington Traditional Magnet School, which serves grades 6-8. Together, the two programs will create arts programming that spans grades K-8.

Entrance at Harrison is determined by lottery and limited by space.

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Maxwell Spanish Immersion Elementary

K-5th grade

Our dual language immersion program enables students to become biliterate in Spanish and English through core content subjects and electives. Students spend half the day learning in Spanish, increasing their language proficiency and cultural knowledge while developing the skills needed for global citizenship.

Our Maxwell program is certified by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training of Spain as part of the International Spanish Academy network.

Grades K-1: Entrance is determined by lottery and space availability.

Grades 2-5: Admission is determined by lottery, space availability, a screener, demonstration of Spanish language proficiency at district benchmark levels, and equivalent English skills.

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Rise STEM Academy for Girls

K-5th grade

Aiming to revolutionize the face of the STEM industry, Rise STEM Academy for Girls is a collaborative school community where young scholars are empowered through authentic STEM and leadership experiences.

We provide:

- Project-based learning where students acquire deep knowledge through active exploration of real-world challenges and problems, fostering critical thinking and practical application of skills
- An emphasis on teamwork, creativity, and communication skills
- Opportunities using the engineering design process to take risks and view failure as a stepping stone to success
- Exposure to inspiring women as role models, building confidence and empowering scholars to excel in all areas of life

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Gifted and Talented Accelerated Program (GTAP)

GT: 4th-5th grade

A high-level service option for academically and intellectually gifted and talented students, this program offers:

- GT endorsed teachers
- Accelerated content and pace
- Enriched learning environment
- Differentiated content, process, and products
- Opportunities for lateral explorations, research, and constructing connections
- High-level critical and creative thinking
- Project-based learning
- Interaction with like-minded peers

Eligibility requires GT identifications in the areas of:

- General intellectual ability
- Language Arts
- Mathematics

Program placement to Ashland Elementary, Meadowthorpe Elementary, or Tates Creek Elementary is based on the student's primary residence.

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Gifted and Talented Accelerated Program (GTAP)

GT: 6th-8th grade

A high-level service option for academically and intellectually gifted and talented students, this program offers:

- GT endorsed teachers
- Accelerated content and pace
- Enriched learning environment
- Differentiated content, process, and products
- Opportunities for lateral explorations, research, and constructing connections
- High-level critical and creative thinking
- Project-based learning
- Interaction with like-minded peers

Eligibility requires GT identifications in the areas of:

- General intellectual ability
- Language Arts
- Mathematics

Program placement to Tates Creek Middle or Winburn Middle is based on their primary residence.

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SCAPA at Bluegrass

GT: 4th-8th grade | School for the Creative And Performing Arts

The School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) at Bluegrass focuses on intentional arts and academic instruction with an integrated approach that fosters successful engagement and leads to concept understanding and material retention, and ultimately to student learning. Our students acquire discipline from studying and perfecting an art, which carries over into the academic classrooms. Working and performing in the arts helps students reach their full potential academically, emotionally, physically, socially, and culturally.

Entrance is determined by an audition process in one of these areas:

- Ballet/Contemporary Dance
- Band
- Drama
- Literary Arts
- Piano
- Strings
- Visual Art
- Vocal Music

Interested students use the districtwide GT auditions process. A school's arts teacher or GT specialist helps students prepare and submit the application and recorded audition. As additional evidence for GT identification, students may submit recommendations from teachers and professionals who know them as an artist.

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Crawford Leadership Academy for Literacies and Civic Engagement

6th-8th grade

In 2025-26, Crawford Middle School will establish a first-of-its-kind middle grades magnet school for leadership and civic engagement. Students will participate in the Leader in Me program and additional thematic content that challenges them to explore their roles in a global society and develop the skills to succeed in varied contexts, disciplines, and career pathways.

Our students will cultivate strong leadership skills through interdisciplinary units and specialized magnet electives that address community and global issues. Learning experiences will promote student choice, decision-making, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration — in the classroom and with the community.

Entrance is determined by lottery and limited by space.

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Dual Language Immersion at Bryan Station Middle

6th-8th grade

In this program, Spanish language skills and global perspectives continue to grow through academic study. Content varies by grade level and may include science, Spanish, math, and social studies. Our immersion program is certified by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training of Spain as part of the International Spanish Academy network.

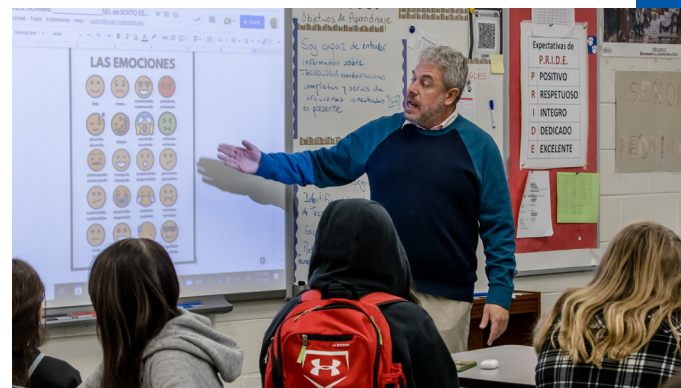
This program is a continuation option for fifth graders from Maxwell, Liberty, and Cardinal Valley elementaries who indicate their intent during the winter scheduling period. We also welcome applications from students in other schools and programs. Entrance for these new students is determined by space availability, Spanish language proficiency at benchmark levels, and demonstration of similar language skills in English.

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Lexington Traditional Magnet School

6th-8th grade

At LTMS, our Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Pathways are a launchpad for a student's artistic journey. We offer a unique blend of rigorous academics and immersive arts experiences designed to nurture creativity and prepare students for a vibrant future. We believe the arts are an integral part of a well-rounded education. Our innovative curriculum seamlessly integrates the arts into every content area.

Students can develop skills and discover their voice by:

- Honing talents in dance, music, theater, or visual arts
- Performing with purpose and showcasing their work in inspiring productions and exhibitions that celebrate our diverse community
- Thinking critically and collaborating creatively - developing essential life skills like problem-solving, communication, and teamwork

Our East End location provides a rich cultural backdrop for students' artistic growth, and we're committed to serving as a hub for creative expression and community engagement.

Along with the application, students must supply a portfolio and letters of recommendation. Entrance is based on teacher recommendations, history of MAP test scores in the 70th percentile or higher in reading and math, and an acceptable behavior record.

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Pre-Engineering at Leestown Middle School

6th-8th grade

Our mission is to provide ample opportunities for diverse students to experience rigorous, cross-curricular, technology-based instruction that prioritizes problem-solving and creativity. By exposing students to engineering concepts, our program prepares them to be curious, critical thinkers who love learning.

This program provides:

- 21st century skills
- Project-based learning and creative problem solving
- Engineering design-focused curriculum
- STEM course in core instruction
- Digital art & design
- Coding/robotics
- Agriscience
- Accelerated core curriculum (Algebra I, Geometry, English I, Digital Literacy)
- Project Lead the Way opportunities
- Field trips that connect to content

Entrance is determined through the district's online application, MAP test scores, teacher recommendations, and student self-reflection. MAP scores must be at or above the 50th percentile in reading and math for consideration.

Students living outside the Leestown area must provide their own transportation.

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Carter G. Woodson Academy

6th-12th grade

As a college preparatory program that uses culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies, Carter G. Woodson Academy provides male students an advanced and rigorous curriculum that meets the common core standards through the lens of African-American history and culture. Our vision is to educate, motivate, and activate the potential for excellence that lies within every male student.

What makes our school special:

- Committed staff with a “whatever it takes” mentality to ensure students’ success
- “The Power of Stories” series featuring community guests
- Pathways in Agriculture, Engineering, and Cinematography
- After-school and evening tutoring
- Optional Saturday programming
- College, cultural, and abroad field trips

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Martin Luther King Jr. Academy

6th-12th grade

We strive to provide a positive learning environment and the opportunity for students to succeed academically, behaviorally, and socially in order to become responsible members of the community. Our staff looks at each student's needs and works to find ways to make connections and help them achieve.

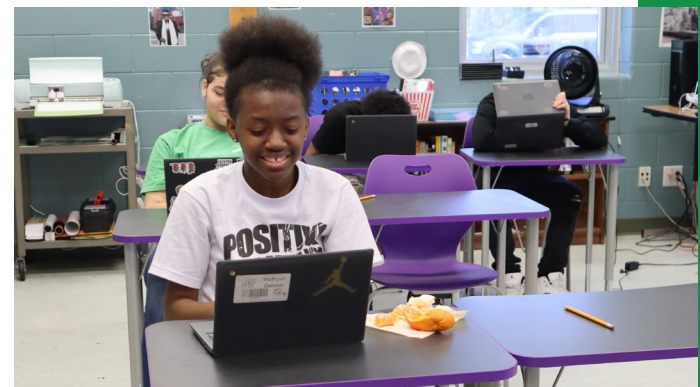
We offer a daytime program for students who are placed because of behavior issues at other schools and a night school for students with 12+ credits who need an alternative schedule.

Entrance is through administrative processes.

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Virtual Learning Academy

6th-12th grade

The Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) is “a school without walls” where students receive daily live instruction via Google Meet and interact with content-certified teachers on a set schedule. Expectations and accountability resemble the traditional classroom, but everything takes place online via the Canvas platform. VLA is a good option for students who have strong skills for self-directed learning and time management as well as the ability to work independently.

Among our students are those who:

- Struggle with anxiety
- Are professional performers or athletes
- Prefer to learn at their own pace for various reasons (they have a job, want to work on their own, have children etc.)
- Have been a victim of bullying and need to feel safe
- Are more comfortable advocating for their learning modifications in a virtual setting

Our students can participate in sports and other extracurricular activities at their home/districted school. High school students may also participate in prom and graduation.

Note: We now offer an eCommerce Business Pathway.

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The Learning Center (TLC)

8th-12th grade

TLC is a specially designed program that serves students who thrive in a non-traditional school setting. Characterized by a different pace, smaller classroom settings, and the ability to accommodate mental health needs, our program offers core content classes, traditional electives, and daily project-based learning opportunities with real-world applications.

Our goal is to help students learn how to Seek, Seize, and Sustain life's opportunities. We meet their needs through empathy, high expectations, opportunities for exploration as we empower them to be "life ready" at graduation.

Applications must be submitted by March 1 to be considered for enrollment in the fall semester (August) and by Nov. 1 for the following spring semester (January).

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The Stables

8th-12th grade

The Stables provides a great opportunity for students to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Kentucky Horse Park while growing socially and academically. We offer a unique experience for students who:

- Have an interest in the equine industry and
- Need a different setting to maintain their emotional and/or mental health

Our program partners with Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, an organization that focuses on emotional and therapeutic well-being, to deliver a one-of-a kind experience as students work directly with horses in the barn and surrounding pastures.

Applications are taken year-round.

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Academy of Information Technology at Bryan Station High School

9th-12th Grade

The IT Academy is the longest-established career academy in our district and is a National Academy Foundation certified academy. We offer three pathways:

- Computer Programming
- Video and Cinematography
- Graphic Design

Our learning environment encourages students to become leaders through projects and work-based learning experiences in the classroom and through job shadowing, internships, guest speakers, field trips, and student-led community projects. In addition, the IT Academy has a dual-credit partnership with Bluegrass Community & Technical College and Northern Kentucky University where students can earn 12 or more credits in an Informatics program.

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Air Force Junior ROTC at Bryan Station

9th-12th Grade

Through a series of elective courses, AFJROTC offers students the chance to become better citizens and leaders — confident, self-reliant, and self-disciplined. They explore the civilian, industrial, and military aspects of aerospace, and the program emphasizes leadership. Coursework helps prepare students for positions in civilian or military careers.

For students not districted to attend Bryan Station, an out-of-area request must also be approved.

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Army Junior ROTC at Henry Clay

9th-12th Grade

Through a series of elective courses, AJROTC teaches the values of citizenship, leadership, community service, and personal responsibility. Our mission is to motivate young people to be better citizens, and we have been designated as an Honor Unit with Distinction by the U.S. Army. “Deeds Not Words” is our motto!

For students not districted to attend Henry Clay, an out-of-area request must also be approved.

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Biomedical Sciences Magnet Program at Frederick Douglass

9th-12th Grade

The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Sciences Magnet Program is a four-year, nationwide curriculum designed to challenge and engage students interested in pursuing a career in the sciences, which includes but is not limited to medicine, nursing, biomedical science, biology, and biochemistry. Courses move at a faster pace and are more challenging as Biomedical Sciences students work at the college level. Success requires ability, interest, commitment, and maturity.

Rising ninth-grade applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Resident of Fayette County
- Currently in eighth grade
- Completed or currently enrolled in Algebra 1 with a C or higher
- If the student is enrolled in eighth-grade math, they must have an A or B and their current math teacher must complete a recommendation on SchoolMint
- Grade B or higher in their current science class(es)
- On grade level via MAP math and reading scores

Entry is determined through a lottery.

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Dual Language Immersion at Bryan Station High

9th-12th Grade

Students in Bryan Station High's dual language immersion (DLI) program participate in a challenging curriculum that offers several AP courses in Spanish, including Literature and Language. They can also take advanced and dual-credit Spanish courses as well as content classes taught in Spanish such as Biology, Chemistry, Freshman Seminar.

Our program is certified by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training of Spain as part of the International Spanish Academy network.

Eighth graders in DLI at Bryan Station Middle indicate their intent for continuation during the winter scheduling process. Other rising 9th graders complete the district's online application. Entrance for these new students is determined by space availability, demonstration of Spanish language proficiency at benchmark levels, and demonstration of similar language skills in English.

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International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme at Tates Creek

9th-12th Grade

The IB Diploma Programme is an internationally recognized college preparatory program where students develop significant critical thinking, research, and analytical writing skills. IB students complete four years of a world language as well as college-level English, Math, History, Biology, and/or Chemistry courses. Our IB teachers are trained and moderated by the IB organization, and IB students are taught to international standards. IB Diploma candidates complete a research paper guided by their interests (the Extended Essay). They also submit a portfolio reflecting on creative, active, and service experiences through extracurriculars. Students can earn many hours of college credit through their IB course scores.

TCHS offers one of four high school IB Programmes in Kentucky. There are 3,852 IB Diploma schools in the world, including 955 in the United States. All IB Programmes are evaluated every five years to ensure schools are upholding the required standards. For more information on approaches to curriculum design and the benefits of IB, visit www.IBO.org.

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Locust Trace AgriScience Center

9th-12th Grade

Locust Trace AgriScience Center (LTAC) offers world-class education in Agricultural Engineering, Animal Science (including Agribusiness - Equine Studies, Food Science and Processing, and Pre-Veterinary Studies), Environmental Science and Natural Resources, and Plant Science. Students attend LTAC in a morning or afternoon session, then attend a high school or other academic program the rest of the day.

In partnership with our students, our dedicated faculty and staff operate an 82-acre farm complete with vegetable and flower gardens, an orchard, a two-room greenhouse, an aquaculture lab, a food science and processing lab, pre-veterinary studies labs, a workshop with welding and painting bays, an equine arena/barn, a livestock barn, pastures, and equine paddocks. We also house an independently operated veterinary clinic on campus.

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Opportunity Middle College

11th-12th grade

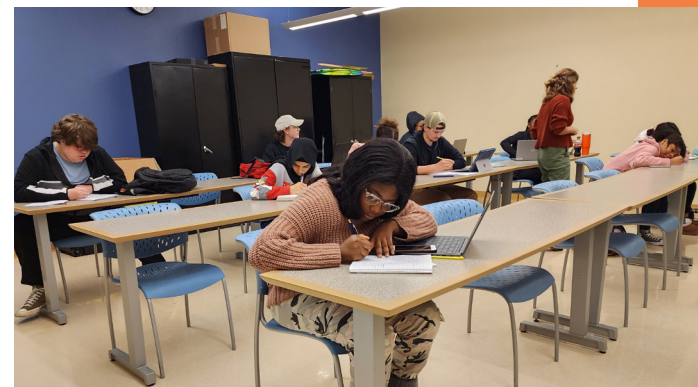
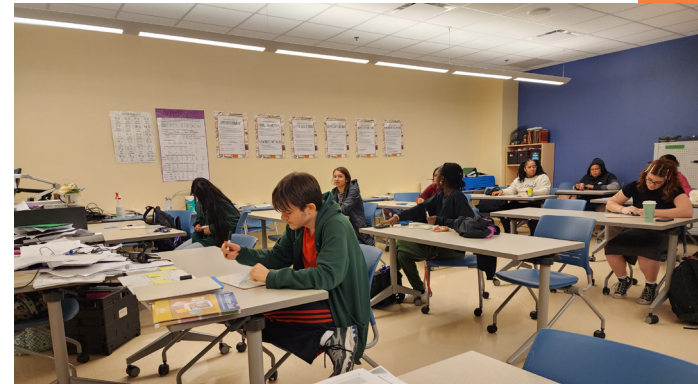
Opportunity Middle College (OMC), located on the Newtown Campus of Bluegrass Community & Technical College, enables high school students to take dual-credit classes at BCTC and possibly graduate with an associate's degree or a technical program certificate/diploma. OMC strives to serve first-generation students from diverse backgrounds in acquiring college credit and experience. The staff also offers support that facilitates their success in college-level coursework. Students benefit from a flexible schedule and the freedom to select college classes aligned to their interests and future academic and career goals.

To apply, rising juniors must have an unweighted 3.0 GPA and rising seniors an unweighted 2.5 GPA. OMC has its own application process in January and February, which allows time for our students to also apply to BCTC. Applications must be completed in full by the deadline in order to be considered.

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Pre-Engineering Program at Lafayette

9th-12th grade

The Pre-Engineering Program helps provide the skills needed to succeed in such mathematically rigorous and technical fields as engineering, architecture, medicine, computer programming, math, biology, chemistry, and physics. We emphasize higher-order thinking skills by using technology to solve real-world problems. Students can see applications of the math and science skills they are learning and use them in class through a challenging curriculum.

Entrance for rising 9th and 10th graders is determined through an application process that includes math and science teacher recommendations, academic benchmarks including overall math/science GPAs, cumulative GPA, and Math MAP. (Non-FCPS students with no MAP testing results will use a standardized assessment provided by their school).

Applicants need to have maintained an A or B in all math and science courses (3.0 GPA), score in the 85 percentile on the winter Math MAP, and have completed Algebra 1 by the end of the eighth grade. All students meeting a required benchmark score will be placed in the lottery.

No transportation is provided for out-of-district students.

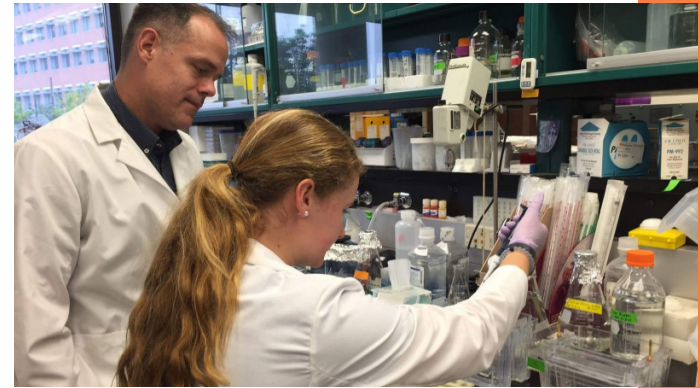
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Re-Engagement Center at Success Academy

Ages 16-21

This program is designed for students who are at least one year behind in earning high school credits and are not on track to graduate. We provide a safety net and personalized alternative for teenagers who need a nontraditional and accelerated pathway to successfully transition to college or the workforce. The vision is to reconnect these students and equip them with the skills to succeed in the classroom, the workplace, and the community.

We also serve students who:

- Have extenuating circumstances that prohibit their attending classes during regular school hours
- Have been enrolled in high school for two years and are still classified as freshmen
- Work full-time to take care of family responsibilities

The Re-Engagement Center provides a hybrid of online learning and teacher-directed instruction. The flexible scheduling accommodates students' work shifts, internships, career and technical training, and academic demands. The program also operates in partnership with several community agencies.

We accept applications throughout the year and review them weekly.

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StationARTS at Bryan Station

9th-12th grade

StationARTS is a small learning community where students are immersed in artistic experiences from daily classes in their preferred arts area, to working with professionals within BSHS and beyond its doors. Faculty advisers help students develop portfolios for applying to the Governor's School for the Arts and our district's Seal of Arts Excellence. Majors, or areas of emphasis, include:

- Band (Mariachi, Jazz, Symphonic, and Marching)
- Orchestra
- Vocal Music
- Classical Guitar
- Piano/Keyboard
- Theatre Performance
- Technical Theatre
- Visual Art

Entrance is determined by the district's application, an interview, and audition.

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STEAM Academy

9th-12th grade

STEAM Academy challenges students to think critically, explore deeply, and develop the skills they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world. We use Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) principles to guide our project- and inquiry-based approach to learning, offering an educational experience rooted in authenticity, innovation, and achievement. Every student has the opportunity to earn college credits and complete internships, promoting accelerated pathways to success and increased college readiness.

Recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of America's Best High Schools, STEAM Academy is a place where students can realize their passions, gain real-world experience, and reach their highest potential through an education designed to be different.

Entrance is determined by a lottery for rising 9th graders. Incoming 10th and 11th graders are considered on a case-by-case basis.

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The Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership

(The HILL)

9th-12th Grade

Step into the future of learning at The HILL, where cutting-edge technology meets real-world experience in career and technical education. Opening its doors in August 2025, the Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership will provide students with hands-on learning in high-demand career fields such as technology, healthcare, and skilled trades.

Students will be encouraged to think creatively, collaborate with their peers, and explore new ways of solving problems using immersive technologies like AI. With a strong focus on innovation, adaptability, and teamwork, the program will equip students with transferable skills that are essential in any career path. Students will actively engage with business and industry leaders, fostering dynamic connections and future-focused opportunities.

Entrance is determined through the CTE application process.

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Liberal Arts Academy at Henry Clay

GT: 9th-12th grade

The Liberal Arts Academy is one of FCPS's highest levels of service for students formally identified as gifted in general intelligence, mathematics, and language arts. It serves as the continuation program for students in GTAP at Bates Creek and Winburn middle schools, and the program accepts applications from new, qualified students in grades 9 and 10.

Academy and AP courses are specifically designed or adapted to challenge our gifted students. Self-contained gifted classrooms are used for English, science, and social studies – combining acceleration, differentiation, and enrichment to stimulate and extend learning. Seniors complete the AP Capstone research study in an academic area of their choosing and design their own project through the Advanced Senior Seminar. The academy also encourages students to expand their interests and develop skills outside the classroom.

Entrance is determined through an application process, academic benchmarks, and nationally normed test scores in reading, math, and cognitive development. Students should complete Algebra 1 by the end of 8th grade.

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Math, Science, and Technology Center at Dunbar (MSTC)

GT: 9th-12th grade

The Math, Science, and Technology Center (MSTC) is a nationally recognized, four-year program designed to challenge students with faster-paced, advanced coursework and STEM classes they won't find in a typical high school. MSTC offers:

- **Rigor with balance:** Students take one additional math, science, or seminar course before school each year. This schedule allows them to meet MSTC's requirements while still exploring electives, arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities. MSTC students enjoy a well-rounded high school experience that supports academic and personal growth.
- **Exclusive research opportunities:** Juniors and seniors complete 360 hours of research with a mentor, allowing them to delve into real-world problems while developing critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
- **Proven success:** MSTC is recognized as a top program, helping students earn spots at competitive universities and preparing them for careers in STEM and beyond.

Admission for rising 9th and 10th graders is based on:

- Gifted identification in math and/or science
- MAP math scores (or the MSTC admissions test, if needed)
- Current math placement, with Algebra 1 completed by the end of 8th grade

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SCAPA Lafayette

GT: 9th-12th grade

This is our district's highest level of service for gifted and talented students formally identified in the creative and performing arts. Our performing arts school offers advanced and college preparatory classes in 10 areas: Art, Ballet, Band, Contemporary Dance, Theatre, Technical Theatre, Literary Arts, Piano, Strings, and Voice. SCAPA Lafayette students take two classes per year in their arts area in addition to their academic courses, building an outstanding foundation in a comprehensive high school setting.

Entrance is determined through the district's GT Visual and Performing Arts audition process in November and December. Each middle school's GT specialist or arts teacher helps students prepare and submit their audition.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question: When is the application window for the 2025-26 school year?

Answer: FCPS will accept applications March 1-17.

Question: Where do I submit an application?

Answer: Visit fcps.net/application for details or fcps.net/apply to go straight to the SchoolMint platform.

Question: When will I be contacted for Gifted and Talented assessments and auditions?

Answer: Gifted and Talented (GT) Recommendation Committees review all students' evidence and make recommendations for service options. Before assessments/auditions, the GT resource teacher and/or GT program manager/facilitator notify families to seek permission to assess/audition their student. Cognitive and achievement assessments and audition opportunities, which are needed for possible GT identification and GT program placement, are given to students during the annual district window late in the fall semester.

Question: When will all the program offers go out?

Answer: High school notifications will be sent March 31, followed by middle and elementary school notifications on April 1.

Question: How will I receive my notification?

Answer: Notifications will go to the cellphone number (by text message) and email address used to sign up for SchoolMint. Please be sure you checked both boxes to receive email and text messages. You can also go directly to your SchoolMint dashboard to view offer notifications. Check your spam, junk mail, and clutter as sometimes software will move unrecognized emails to junk mail.

Question: How much time do I have to accept or decline my offer?

Answer: In most cases, an applicant has five to seven days to respond. Keep in mind that hundreds of people are wanting a spot. To keep the process fair, you must decide within the time frame indicated on your offer letter.

Question: Will I receive a notification if my application was declined?

Answer: Yes. There are three notification categories: Accepted, Wait-Listed, Declined. Regardless of status, you should receive a notification. Check your SchoolMint dashboard regularly for application status updates.

Question: Who should I contact if I did not get a notification?

Answer: Please email special.programs@fayette.kyschools.us and we will research your issue and get back with you within 24 hours.

Question: I am required to complete additional steps in the process. Who do I contact?

Answer: Each program has different requirements. When you submitted your initial application, you should have received a confirmation email indicating next steps. A program facilitator will contact you if they need additional information. It could take a few weeks to hear from them.

Question: Who should I contact to find out where my student(s) are on the waiting list?

Answer: Wait-listed applicants will be contacted according to space availability. If someone declines an offer or is "no show" of an accepted offer, the next applicant on the waitlist will receive an offer. We will continue in order from the waitlist until spots are filled. Check your SchoolMint dashboard regularly for application status updates.

We wish all our students the best during this offer season!

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SchoolMint Tips

Follow these steps to ensure you don't miss communications regarding your application and offer.

Preferred Communication

When setting up your SchoolMint account, be sure to check both boxes to receive emails and text messages. If you already have a SchoolMint account and you want to check these options, log in and go to "Account Setting" to make changes. You can also update your phone number and email address to reflect your preferred choice.

Emails and Text Messages - IMPORTANT

The email and cellphone number used to set up your SchoolMint account are where all your communications will go. We will not send email notifications to the contact information within the application – only to the email and cell number used when you set up your SchoolMint account.

Forgot your password?

Go to the SchoolMint login page at <https://fcpsapply.schoolmint.com/> login and click the "forgot password" link to reset it.

Lookup for Current FCPS Students

It is important that you have the following information in hand before submitting an application in SchoolMint: FCPS Student ID Number, First Name, Last Name, and Date of Birth.

Bypassing Student Lookup (No Student Found error)

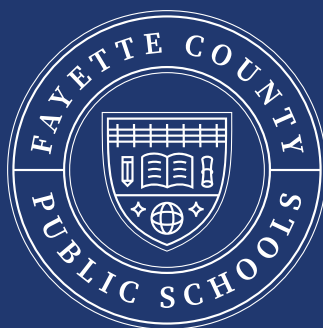
From time to time, you will receive an error message when the system tries to look up a current FCPS student. If this happens, you can bypass the lookup process and enter the information manually. Simply choose "No" under the Student Lookup step and proceed. Note: This is not the preferred method for current students to submit an application. Before using this option, please make sure you have the correct student ID number.

The screenshot shows a web interface for the SchoolMint application. At the top, a pink error bar states: "No student found, please double check your information and try again". Below this is the "Get Started" section with the sub-header "Next: Student Information". A pink box contains a message: "The 2023-24 application window is now closed for most programs. However, we are now accepting late applications for the following programs: GWC STEM Academy for Boys, Dixie Magnet, Maxwell, STEAM, Frederick Douglass Biomedical, and Rise STEM Academy for Girls. Late applicants will ONLY be contacted should a seat become available after the waitlist has been exhausted." Below this, the "School Year" is set to "2023-2024". The "Student Lookup" section asks: "Is your student currently enrolled in Fayette County Public Schools and do you have your student ID?". There are two buttons: "Yes" (light blue) and "No" (dark blue).

Choose **NO** instead of YES to bypass the student lookup. This will allow you to manually enter your student's information and submit your application.

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