THE INGENUITY PROJECT
HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION POLICIES

Ingenuity is a good fit for students with a history of strong performance and interest in math and science, complex and logical thinking, persistence, and the ability to grasp new material and concepts quickly. Students should complete Algebra I or demonstrate mastery of Algebra I level topics prior to entering the program. The Ingenuity math sequence begins with Honors Geometry in 9th grade.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES:

✓ All 8th grade students who live in Baltimore City are eligible to apply.

✓ All applicants must take the Ingenuity tests: The Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT) Form 7 (containing verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative sections) and an Algebra I exam. Free sample practice tests are provided to all applicants. Applicants are sent a confirmation email to attend Ingenuity’s test day at least two weeks prior to testing.

✓ Applicants must also complete the Baltimore City Public Schools High School Choice application requesting Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly) as the first choice. Ask your middle school guidance counselor or call the Office of Enrollment & Attendance at (410) 396-8600 to request this application or visit www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice. All City Schools students should submit their application to their school. Non-City (home, independent, or private) school students should submit their School Choice district application to the Office of Enrollment & Attendance.

✓ Ingenuity calculates a composite score for each applicant which is different from the district composite score. Ingenuity’s composite score consists of:
  o MCAP (PARCC) English Language Arts and Math;
  o Report card grades from the prior year and first quarter of the current year in Math and English Language Arts;
  o Ingenuity’s administered CogAT; and Ingenuity’s Algebra I exam.

✓ Students are typically offered seats according to Ingenuity’s composite score rank. There is no minimum Ingenuity composite score that determines placement from year to year, however, students offered placement last year typically scored Level 4 or 5 on the MCAP assessments and maintained good grades in middle school (A’s and B’s).

✓ All students accepted to Ingenuity must also be accepted to Poly. Students accepted to Ingenuity must also demonstrate Algebra I mastery by scoring 80% or above on Ingenuity’s final Algebra I placement test in the spring. Most students in this situation take Ingenuity’s four-week Summer Algebra Course at Poly.

✓ By applying, you are giving consent for Ingenuity to receive your child’s MCAP results (or iReady if MCAP is not available) and report card grades from the prior year and first quarter of the current year in Math and English Language Arts from the district to calculate Ingenuity’s composite score.

NOTIFICATION FOR 9TH GRADE ACCEPTANCE WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2020. Any changes regarding this date will be posted to our website at www.ingenuityproject.org

EXCEPTIONS

▪ Students currently enrolled in Baltimore City Schools are not required to submit test scores or report cards. These will be provided to Ingenuity from the district after applying.

▪ Students currently enrolled in a private/independent school or non-Baltimore City Public School are required to provide the Ingenuity Principal/Guidance Counselor Form (downloaded from Ingenuity’s website) with an official report card and PARCC scores by December 20, 2019.

▪ Students who did not take the MCAP assessment last year must contact Mr. Darryl Smith in Baltimore City Public Schools’ Achievement and Accountability Office to register for the equivalent, iReady diagnostic. Mr. Smith can be reached at djsmith@bcps.k12.md.us. There is a $25.00 testing fee of associated with this diagnostic.

For additional information on Ingenuity Project, visit www.ingenuityproject.org.