MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

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. The program is committed to identifying a cohort of diverse students that reflects the ethnicity, gender and income of Baltimore City residents.

✓ All current 5th grade students who live in Baltimore City are eligible to apply. Limited spots are available for entry in 7th grade, and these seats are only offered over the summer. Applications are not accepted for students entering in 8th grade.

✓ All applicants must take the Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT) Form 7 administered by Ingenuity. The test contains verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative sections. 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.

✓ Ingenuity calculates a composite score for each applicant which is different from the district composite score. Ingenuity's composite score consists of:
  - MCAP (PARCC) English Language Arts and Math,
  - Prior year and first quarter of the current year Math and English Language Arts report card grades,
  - Results on Ingenuity's administered CogAT

✓ School placement is typically assigned according to Ingenuity's composite score rank. There is no minimum composite score that determines placement from year to year. Applicants receive their highest possible choice of school until those schools are filled according to rank. You will only be considered for placement at the schools you rank. If only one school choice is indicated and that school is filled, no offer will be given.

✓ 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 6TH GRADE ACCEPTANCE WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2020.

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 MCAP scores.

- **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 testing fee associated with this diagnostic.

- **Rising 7th grade applicants** should have scored Level 4 or 5 on the PARCC assessment for initial qualification.