

**Montgomery College Middle College (MC²) Program
Frequently Asked Questions
2018–2019**

- 1. Does Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) provide transportation for students participating in the Middle College Programs at Northwood and Northwest High School (HS)?**
MCPS provides transportation for students who reside within the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) attendance areas from central stops for students in the Northwood HS Middle College program. Transportation is also provided for students who reside within the Northwest attendance areas from central stops for students in the Northwest HS Middle College program. Please review transportation information for special programs in the Options Booklet (search ‘Options’ on MCPS website for the 2018-2019 booklet).
- 2. How many seats are available in the MC² program to students outside of the Northwood HS or Northwest HS attendance area?**
There are 32 out of area seats available at each location. If there is more interest than seats, a lottery will be held.
- 3. Is there a cap on the number of seats available to students who reside within the DCC or Northwest respective attendance areas who are interested in the MC² program?**
No.
- 4. If a student is invited and accepts the invitation to participate in the MC² program do they attend the Northwest or Northwood HS full time?**
Yes.
- 5. Are there any prerequisite course requirements to get into the MC² program?**
There are no prerequisite courses to begin the program. Students will be taking accelerated/college level coursework during their high school experience. Parents and students should review the four-year pathway and discuss the options prior to enrollment. Sample four-year pathways can be found on the MCPS webpage at the link below:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/partnerships/dual-enrollment.aspx>.
- 6. I am a private school parent with a child interested in the MC² program, what do I need to do in order to apply?**
Parents and students must secure an MCPS student ID at their home school. Once an ID is secured the MC² program interest form must be completed prior to the November 2, 2018 deadline for the 2018-2019 school year. The MC² program Interest Forms are available via the MyMCPS parent portal.
- 7. How do students communicate to schools which MC² pathway they prefer?**
Once accepted into the program, students/parents must discuss course registration with the school counseling staff.
- 8. Will I be able to take Advanced Placement classes as a freshman or sophomore as part of the MC² program?**
Students/parents will need to discuss course registration with the school counseling staff.

9. Should residents in the high school attendance area with children currently attending a middle school magnet school out of area, complete the MC² program interest form?

Yes, all interested students are asked to submit the interest form.

10. When/How will parents/students be informed if selected (or not) to participate in the MC² program via the lottery?

The MC² program lottery (for out of area students) will be conducted in December and notification will be mailed in late January. Students will either be invited or receive a wait list number. Students should still register for classes at the home high school if invitation to an MC² program occurs after the home high school registration period. As vacancies exist, students will be invited from the wait list in the order of the wait list number. Course registration for this program can occur at a later date if invited from the wait list and student accepts the seat in the program.

11. If invited, how do parents/students communicate their acceptance of the invitation to participate in the MC² program?

If invited, families will receive a correspondence asking them to complete a Notice of Intent form. Once a child accepts a program, the home high school from which the student is leaving will be notified.

12. If students are placed on the waitlist, how will they know they are able to participate in the MC² program after all?

Those on the waitlist will be provided a numerical wait list number. Should a vacancy occur, parents/students will be contacted and invited in order of the waitlist number received.

13. If accepted, will students still be able to band or chorus as well as the MC² program?

Yes.

14. Will students be able to participate in other special programs (e.g. academy, signature, CTE, etc.) as well as the MC² program?

Students will need to discuss additional program participation with school counseling staff.

15. If a student does not want to take one or more courses within the sample MC² program pathway provided online, may they substitute courses?

Students will need to discuss course changes with school counseling staff.

16. Are students removed from the MC² program if they do not earn a score of four or higher on the Advance Placement examination?

No.

17. What if a student performs poorly in the college courses, are they removed of the program?

Academic support and interventions are in place to support student success. Students must earn a C or higher in college courses order to continue to take college courses, or they will need to appeal to the college dean/administrators in order to continue.

18. If students do not finish the Associate degree program by high school graduation are they obligated to attend MC?

Students are not obligated to attend MC after high school graduation. The degree and/or college credits may be transferred to other postsecondary institutions. Parents/Students will need to research colleges and universities of interest and their respective dual enrollment policy.

19. Who can I contact if I have additional questions about the Middle College program?

- For questions about Montgomery College courses, requirements, etc., contact Ms. Amy Crowley at e-mail address, Amy.Crowley@MontgomeryCollege.edu.
- For questions about MC² at Northwest High School, contact Ms. Lisa Shapiro at e-mail address, Lisa_M_Shapiro@mcpsmd.org.
- For questions about MC² at Northwood High School, contact Mr. Mike Sauter at e-mail address, Michael_T_Sauter@mcpsmd.org.
- For questions about the application process, lottery process, Choice process, or school assignment please refer to the MCPS Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS) webpage at: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice/>.

20. What is the relationship between the DCC choice process and the Middle College program at Northwood HS?

The DCC Choice process is a high school assignment process for DCC Grade 8 students. DCC residents are assigned during Round 1 and transfers-in during Round 2.

The MC² program is an application (optional) program available to students assigned to Northwood HS. This program is located at Northwood HS and has always been available to Northwood HS students. New for 2019–2020 school year, there are 32 seats available for interested out of DCC area students.

Below are bullets that outline additional details:

- The Choice lottery and MC² lottery are separate processes. The due date is the same for both, and the Choice school assignment lottery would be run first to assign students to a DCC high school.
- All DCC students interested in MC² should submit their request online by the due date (an exemption is for students who have Northwood as a base high school and enter Northwood HS as a first choice in the Choice process).
- DCC students assigned to Northwood HS in the Choice process lottery will not have to be entered in the MC² lottery since they have been assigned to Northwood HS.
- In the event there are DCC students who were not assigned to Northwood HS who also submitted an MC² request — these students may be entered into Round 2 of the Choice process for available seats.
- Eligible students who live outside the DCC who request the MC² program will be entered into a lottery if there are more requests than seats available. There are 32 available seats.

For more information about the choice or MC² lottery process, contact the MCPS Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services at 240-740-2540.