

BSAP SEAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ACADEMIC COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

English- All levels of Middle and High School English courses will be offered. Each student will take an English class that provides enrichment and preparation for the course he/she will take next year. The teachers will engage students in activities that enhance reading and writing interest and skills.

Mathematics- Students will be placed in college preparatory mathematics courses according to their class enrollment and performance during the previous school year. The options include Basic Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II. All academic classes will be taught by highly qualified teachers with Maryland certification and teaching experience.

Social Studies- This year's program offers 6/7 Grade Social Studies, American Government, and African-American studies. Students will be placed in an appropriate class based on academic need as determined by report card grades or grade level. Teachers will stimulate student interest in social studies and will encourage meaningful dialogue to improve understanding of concepts.

MESA(Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement)- Participants will be exposed to components of the pre-college MESA program designed to increase the number of Maryland students prepared for the rigor of university study in mathematics-based fields by enhancing science and mathematics education. Students enrolled in this course will do science and pre-engineering related activities that stimulate deeper interest in the study of mathematics and science. This class is sure to be both fun-filled and academically enriching for all involved.

Health and Fitness- Students will cover the basic course requirements for health and lifetime fitness. The content will include instruction on health-enhancing behavior, physical education and life management skills. This will introduce or reinforce concepts in the required curriculum for these courses.



ENRICHMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Drama- Students enrolled in this enrichment class will be involved in the production of an excerpt from the play *Roots* by Alex Haley. The comprehensive curriculum for this theatre workshop includes acting, singing, dance, and stagecraft. This course culminates in fully-staged dramatic performance.

Art- This course is designed to expose the students to various styles of art with an emphasis on African American artist. Students will create drawings, collages and use other mediums that communicate what he/she understands about a theme or idea.

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Spanish- This enrichment class is designed to give students a strong auditory foundation so that they will feel comfortable hearing and speaking Spanish. All activities will be followed by discussion and reinforcement of skills.

Step- Participants will learn fundamental movements of a step routine while gaining an appreciation for the rich history of this African-American cultural art form. This class is designed to offer a positive means of impacting the social and physical development of the students involved. The instructor brings a wealth of experience and energy to the class and is sure to engage students fully with masterful moves and performance techniques.

Newspaper/ Video Journal- This multimedia course will provide students with the opportunity to hone their creative writing and journalism skills in a stimulating environment. Participants will create a newspaper and/or video journal during class under the direction of an experienced writer and teacher.

Engineering- The engineering class is a hands-on course designed for students with strong math and science interest and/or ability. Through a variety of activities, participants will develop pre-engineering skills under the guidance of professionals in the field. Placement in this course will be based on the student's mathematics enrollment.

Basketball- Summer basketball camp will provide opportunities for students to extend their physical education interest to the summer months while developing stronger interpersonal relationship skills. Participants will improve their awareness of basketball fundamentals, offensive/ defensive strategies and game concepts. The camp will be run by a local HCPSS high school basketball coach.

Lacrosse- Summer lacrosse camp will provide opportunities for students to extend their physical education interest to the summer months while developing stronger interpersonal relationship skills. Participants will improve their awareness of lacrosse fundamentals, offensive/ defensive strategies and game concepts. The camp will be run by a local HCPSS high school lacrosse coach.