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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

The middle school schedule is composed of courses in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, creative arts, and co-curricular. Students will be appropriately placed for instruction in math, language arts, science, and social studies using past performance information and teacher input.

**All students are required to have four years of mathematics in Grades 9-12, even if the student is enrolled in Algebra I in Grade 8.**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in offerings such as band, chorus, or orchestra or they will be placed on a rotational schedule for mini courses such as computers/computational thinking, financial literacy, reading and math interventions, and special projects. Academic intervention and remediation are the priorities for the rotations. Students may be required to participate in tutoring and/or an ELA and/or math intervention in place of another rotation if additional academic support is needed.

For the creative arts block, sixth and seventh grade students will be enrolled in physical education/health all year long and will choose four of the following elective courses: languages and cultures of the world, art, general music, technology education, or family and consumer science. The elective that is not selected in Grade 6 will be assigned by a school counselor in Grade 7.

**Grade 8 students will choose one option:**

**Option 1: Creative Arts Option:** Full year of physical education/health and choice of four nine-week electives (one elective must be fine arts -either art or music).

**Option 2: World Language Option:** Half year of physical education/health and choice of two nine-week electives (one elective must be a fine art course -either art or music) and a full year of world language (Spanish I\*)

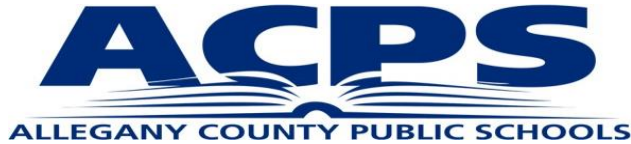
**\*High school credit for world language will be awarded if a student passes the high school level course with a minimum of a D. A student may retake the course in high school if he/she earns a D. High school credit for Spanish I will be awarded if a student passes the high school level course with a minimum of a D. A student may retake the course in high school if he/she earns a D. Please note that students must take \*TWO additional years of a world language in GRADES 9-12 if the student is selecting world language as a high school completer.** Successful completion of two years of World Language study in high school is required for graduation from a Maryland school for a college completer program. A minimum of two years of study of the same World Language is required for the college completer program and admission to the University System of Maryland.

**Please note that students must take two additional years of a world language in Grades 9-12 if the student is selecting world language as a high school completer.**

Please review the course selection sheet to select creative arts courses for the next school year. Then, go to the website at <https://md-allegany.myfollett.com> to electronically enter the courses. The computer must have an internet connection. Creative Arts courses must be selected electronically from **March 13-17**.

Sincerely,  
*Dr. Kim Green Kalbaugh*  
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Chief Academic Officer

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**Student Log-in Instructions for Aspen**

On your internet browser, key in the following address: <https://md-allegany.myfollett.com>

1. Key in your Log-in ID and Password
2. Click on the **My Info** tab.
3. Click on **Request** (side tab).
4. Directions are printed in each INSTRUCTION box.
5. Your selections will be based on the grade specific course selection sheets.
6. When your selection process is complete, press LOG OFF – in the top right corner.
7. Changes can be made to your course selections from **3/13/2023–3/17/2023**.

2023-2024 Middle School Handbook and Course Selection Sheets are located on the ACPS website <http://acpsmd.org>. Select the **Parents & Students** (top tab). Select the **Student Resources** tab from the drop down menu. Under Student Resources, select 2023-2024 Middle School Information Handbook or 2023-2024 Middle School Course Selection Information.

If you have any questions about the instructions, please contact your child’s school administrator or school counselor for assistance. Thank you for working with your child to select courses for the 2023-2024 school year.

*NOTE: The 2023-2024 Course Selection Sheets are PDF documents. You must have ADOBE Reader to access these documents. If they will not load for you, please visit <http://adobe.com> and Download ADOBE READER for FREE.*

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