



LOCAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Anne Arundel County Public Schools

www.aacps.org

Annapolis is located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The Anne Arundel County Public School (AACPS) system serves approximately 78,000 students in 125 schools and is the fifth largest school system in the state. Approximately 9% of the students are military connected.

Fast Facts about the School System:

- 87% of seniors who graduated in 2013 pursued postsecondary education at a two or four year institution
- In 2012, the percentage of AACPS students scoring advance exceeded the state average by 5.2 points in math and 3.9 point in reading
- There are 12 National Blue Ribbon Schools and 15 Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence in the system
- AACPS ranks 2nd in the state with 335 National Board certified teachers.
- 96.0% of teachers hold advance or standard teaching certificates
- There are 11 Signature high school programs including Homeland Security, Global Communications and Public Affairs, Environment Literacy, International Trade, Transportation and Tourism, International Economic and Finance.
- Magnet Programs such as Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), BioMedical Allied Health (BMAH), Performing and Visual Arts (PVA), and International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years and Diploma Programmes are offered in selected schools.

Important School System Links:

[School Calendar](#)

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[Advanced Studies and Programs](#)

School information if you are living in housing within the Annapolis Area Navy Complex



If you live in housing on the Yard at USNA, Arundel Estates, Perry Circle, or Phythian Road , your local public schools are:

- West Annapolis Elementary School
 - 210 Annapolis Street, Annapolis MD 21401 Phone : 410-222-1635
 - Principal: Alexis McKay
 - Small school (262) located minutes from USNA
 - Transportation provided before and after care to NSA Annapolis Youth Center
- Bates Middle School
 - 701 Chase Street Annapolis, MD 21401 Phone :410-263-0270
 - Principal Paul DeRoo
 - 593 students
 - Home of the PVA (Magnet School for Performing and Visual Arts)
- Annapolis High School
 - 2700 Riva Road Annapolis, MD 21401 Phone: 410-266-5240
 - Principal: Sue Chittim (Acting)
 - Home to the IB (International Baccalaureate) Program
 - Has NJROTC program
 - 1687 students
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If you live in housing on the Naval Support Activity installation or North Severn Village your local public schools are:

- Annapolis Elementary School
 - 180 Green Street Annapolis, MD 21401 Phone: 410-222-1600
 - Principal: Julia Walsh
 - Small school (185) in the heart of downtown historic Annapolis
 - 2013-14 school location at Annapolis Middle School due to construction/renovations at
- Severn River Middle School
 - 241 Peninsula Farm Road, Arnold MD 21012 Phone: 410-544-0922
 - Principal: Maisha Gillins
 - 818 students
- Broadneck High School
 - 1265 Green Holly Drive Arnold, MD 21409 Phone : 410-757-1300
 - Principal: Dr. David Smith
 - 2184 students

Private School information



Private school information can be obtained from the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIM). Their website is <http://www.aimsmd.org>

A sampling of Annapolis area private schools is listed below.

Annapolis

Naval Academy Primary School (NAPS)** Review NAPS eligibility requirements on website

- 74 Greenbury Point Road
- 410-757-3090
- www.naps.org

St. Mary's School

- 111 Duke of Gloucester Street
- 410-268-3467
- www.stmarysannapolis.org

St. Anne's School of Annapolis

- 3112 Arundel-on-the-Bay Road
- 410-263-8650
- www.stannesschool.org

Annapolis Area Christian School

- 716 Bestgate Road
- 410-266-8251
- www.aacsonline.org

Key School

- 534 Hillsmere Drive
- 410-263-9231
- www.keyschool.org

Arnold:

Chesapeake Academy

- 1185 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd
- 410-647-9612
- www.chesapeakeacademy.com

Severna Park:

Severn School

- 201 Water Street
- 410-647-7700
- www.severnschool.com

Severn:

Archbishop Spaulding High School

- 8080 New Cut Road
- 410-969-9105
- www.archbisopspaulding.org

Homeschooling

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools support home schooling in accordance with the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). The Point of Contact for Home Schooling is:

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Home Schooling - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does Maryland law permit a student of mandatory school age to be home schooled instead of attending a public or a nonpublic school?

YES. Maryland law, Education Article, 7-301, Annotated Code of Maryland, Compulsory Attendance, states that each child who resides in Maryland and is 5 years old or older (as of September 1 of each school year) and under 16 shall attend a public school regularly during the entire school year unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public school to children of the same age. Maryland recognizes nonpublic schools and home instruction as alternatives to public school enrollment as a means of students to receive regular, thorough instruction.

Q: Are there regulations that govern home instruction in Maryland?

YES. COMAR 13A.10.01 Home Instruction, are the regulations that govern home instruction in Maryland. The purpose of COMAR13A.10.01 is to establish a procedure to be used by the superintendent of each local school system to determine if a child participating in a home instruction program is receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.

Q: What must a parent do before beginning home instruction?

At least 15 days before the beginning of a home instruction program, a parent or guardian who chooses to teach a child at Home, must sign a written statement on a form prescribed by the State Department of Education. The parent should contact the Anne Arundel County Home School Office for a copy of the 'Notification' form and COMAR 13A.10.01.

Q: Does the local school system or the Maryland State Department of Education provide a curriculum to parents to use for the purpose of home schooling?

NO. A parent or guardian, who elects to provide instruction to his/her child(ren), must select the curriculum to be used. The home instruction regulations do, however, specify the subjects that must be taught by the parent.

NO, Anne Arundel County Public Schools does not provide materials for a student enrolled in a home school program, who is not enrolled in the public school system. Parents must provide the instructional curriculum and materials needed to provide instruction in the seven subject areas: Language Arts (English), Math, Science, Social Studies (History/Geography), Art, Music, and Physical Education. All materials needed for a home school program are the responsibility of the parent, home instructor. You may access the curriculum information for the Anne Arundel County Public Schools at www.aacps.org for specific content covered in the different curriculum areas.

Q. What subject areas of home instruction are mandatory?

English (Language arts), mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, health, and physical education are the subject areas that parents or guardians must teach their children who are being instructed at home.

Q: Must home instruction be supervised in Maryland?

YES. Home instruction must be supervised in Maryland by one of the following entities:

- The local school system through the Home School Office
- A church-exempt nonpublic school. (Nonpublic entity)
- An education ministry of a bona fide church organization.(Nonpublic entity)

Q: What must a nonpublic school or education ministry of a bona fide church organization do before beginning to supervise home instruction of Maryland students?

Before beginning to supervise home instruction, the head of the legal authority of a nonpublic school or the chief officer of a bona fide church organization, that elects to supervise home instruction, must contact MSDE for registration procedures. Registration procedures include the completion of an official registration form that can be obtained by calling the Nonpublic School Approval Branch at (410)767-0407.

Q: Can a tutor or someone other than a parent or guardian be hired to teach a child who is home schooled?

NO. A home-schooled student maybe tutored in a particular subject just as a student enrolled in a public or nonpublic school may be tutored. Regardless of whether the student is enrolled in home schooling or in a public or nonpublic school, tutoring is supplemental to each of these primary forms of instruction. Tutoring may not be substituted for the instruction that is provided by the parent to his/her home schooled student or the instruction provided by public or nonpublic school to students enrolled.

The bylaw is clear that Home Schooling is for a “parent or guardian who chooses to teach a child at home.” The parent or guardian must be the primary provider of the instruction. Other adults may assist with the special areas of interest, but may not replace the parent. Otherwise, teaching by another adult or group of adults constitutes a school, which must seek approval through the Maryland State Department of Education.

Q: Must a parent/guardian be a certified teacher?

NO. COMAR regulations do not require parents to have teacher certification in order to

home school their child.

Q: Will the public school provide curriculum and textbooks materials?

NO. Acquiring curriculum and texts is the responsibility of the parent, but they may reference the public school system's curriculum or the MSDE Voluntary Curriculum.

Q: Will high school high school assessments (HSA) taken in Anne Arundel County Schools in English 10, Algebra I, Biology, and United States Government count as course credit if a student enrolls in an Anne Arundel County High School?

High School Assessments are the graduation exit exams required for all students earning a diploma. Students enrolling from home schooling or a nonpublic approved school do not earn course credit for passing these exams. To earn credit in the CORE courses, a student must take and pass the 'test for credit' exams offered for each course.

Q: How much time should be spent on instruction each day?

Generally, a minimum of five hours of home schooling, Monday through Friday, is recommended for a period of at least 36 weeks (180 days) of instruction.

Q: Can a student who is home schooled participate in other aspects of the instructional or extracurricular programs that are offered by a Maryland public school?

NO. Students who are homeschooled are not permitted to participate in courses, activities, the Center for Applied Technology or afterschool programs that are offered by a Maryland public school other than the optional standardized testing program.

Q: May a home-schooled student participate in the standardized testing program that is offered by the student's local school system?

YES. A child receiving home instruction may participate in the regularly scheduled standardized testing programs that are administered in the school where the student would attend. Requesting standardized testing can be made through the Home School Office. It is the responsibility of the parent to contact the assigned school's testing coordinator to find out the testing schedule and participation 3 weeks prior to the testing date. The parent must provide the transportation to and from the testing location. AACPS offers the following standardized test: Maryland Student Assessment ((MSA) March for grades: 3 – 8) ; PSAT (October: for grades 9, 10,&11); and the High School Assessment (HSA)(May for Algebra I, US Government;; Biology English 10)

Q: What are the procedures for a home-schooled student to return to a public school?

Parents should contact the Home School Office for procedures regarding enrollment in a public school. The Home School Office, in collaboration with the High School Counselors, will determine credits to be awarded when transferring to an AACPS high school from a home school program. This determination is made through an evaluation of the student's course

documentation and curriculum. This transfer process may include administration of course examinations or 'Tests for Credit' assessments

Q: Can a home-schooled student receive special education services?

Children with special needs or learning disabilities, who are home schooled, do not have an individual entitlement to special education services in the public school system. If a parent believes that a child should be assessed to determine eligibility for special education services, the parent should contact the Home School Office to initiate the assessments. Special Education services are not provided for students enrolled in a home school program in Maryland.

Q: Does the Maryland State Department of Education provide information on home school support groups?

NO. MSDE does not collect information about home school support groups or cooperatives. However they maintain the names and addresses of the nonpublic schools and bona fide church organizations that are registered to supervise home schooling in Maryland.

Q: Will a high school diploma be used by the local school system or MSDE if I elect to have my child remain on home schooling through grade 12?

NO. Diplomas represent completion of the Maryland (MSDE) graduation requirements for students who attend public schools in Maryland. Your child may choose to take the GED Exam (Maryland General Education Degree). Home School nonpublic supervisory entities may offer a completion of program certificate, but may not issue a Maryland diploma upon completion of a home school program .

Q: Will the Home School Office validate a student MVA Learner's Permit Application or GED Application?

YES. The applications should be sent to the Home School Office for validation and processing. Please allow at least 3 days to complete the documentation process. MSDE Approved Supervising Nonpublic Entities cannot validate a student's application according to the regulations.