



# Vanguard Collegiate Middle School

A College Board School

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## The College Board

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board is composed of more than 5,700 schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,800 colleges through major programs and services in college readiness, college admission, guidance, assessment, financial aid and enrollment. Among its widely recognized programs are the SAT®, the PSAT/NMSQT®, the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®), ACCUPLACER® and SpringBoard®. The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities and concerns. For further information, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).



*“College Board Schools are uniquely structured to help all students prepare for success in college and careers in an increasingly complex world. Our schools, in partnership with urban school districts, have developed high academic standards executed by well-trained and demanding teachers.”*

*Gaston Caperton  
President, The College Board*

# Mission and Core Values

## **Mission**

Prepare every student for access to and success in college.

## **Core Values and Guiding Behaviors**

Vanguard Collegiate Middle School promotes:

### ***Excellence and Integrity***

Students will be challenged to:

- Improve their skills and knowledge
- Make decisions and take action based on goals, priorities, facts and analysis
- Take personal accountability for meeting commitments
- Guide themselves by the values of honesty and ethics

### ***Passion***

Students will discover their passions through:

- Meeting and completing big challenges
- Embracing change and adapting to innovation
- Exhibiting positive energy and a can-do attitude

### ***Community***

Vanguard Collegiate students will:

- Promote and respect diversity
- Engage in and encourage open and healthy dialogue

### ***Scholarship***

Students will receive a rigorous liberal arts education and acquire:

- Critical thinking strategies
- Academic scholarship and behaviors
- Contextual learning skills

# Our Model and Prior Success

## The College Board School Model

Vanguard Collegiate Middle School is:

- Designed for low-income and minority students, emphasizing the College Board's commitment to equity and access
- Unscreened and nonselective
- A small, personalized environment with 125 students per grade, and a total of 375 students per school
- Composed of core elements, including:
  - Alliances of mutual respect
  - Organization for student success
  - Learning and academic rigor driven by College Board programs and services
  - Outstanding and professional leaders and staff
  - The integration of cutting-edge technology

## College Board Schools: Prior Success

The College Board is affiliated with 17 small, public middle and high schools in four of the five largest urban school districts in New York State:

- New York City
- Rochester
- Buffalo
- Yonkers

The four College Board Schools with 2009 graduating classes report that:

- 88.4 percent of graduates were accepted by at least one two-year or four-year college
- On average, College Board Schools graduates were accepted to 2.97 colleges
- The majority of acceptances (51.5 percent) were to four-year institutions



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Vanguard Collegiate Middle School, a new College Board School, will serve Baltimore students in grades six through eight, providing all students with a comprehensive education designed to prepare them for success in high school and college. The school will open its doors to its first class of 125 sixth-graders in September 2010, and enroll a new class of sixth-grade students each year.

### **Accent on Achievement**

Vanguard Collegiate Middle School: A College Board School is designed to promote academic excellence leading to college entrance and success. The school draws on a highly trained cadre of teachers and staff, and the curriculum, guidance, and assessment resources of the Baltimore City Public School District and the College Board. Employing a powerful combination of dedicated, high-caliber leadership; a rigorous, accelerated college-prep curriculum; an emphasis on positive youth development; and a personalized education program, College Board Schools foster the high achievement and healthy growth and development of every student.

College Board Schools are uniquely structured to educate, support and guide students from middle school through high school graduation, building the bridges from the earlier grades that ultimately lead to college success. Students are prepared to meet the high standards required for college admission, and to meet or exceed Baltimore City and Maryland learning standards and proficiency requirements.

### **The Circle of Family and Community**

A safe, respectful and welcoming school environment is a hallmark of College Board Schools and the result of successful collaboration between faculty, staff and students. Family and community also play a vitally important role in the education of our students. The active participation of parents and guardians is a critical component of our students' academic success and emotional well-being.

### **Admission**

Vanguard Collegiate Middle School is unscreened and nonselective. Students will be eligible for acceptance as long as they have met the promotional standards for their grade as determined by the state of Maryland.

# The College Readiness System™

Vanguard Collegiate Middle School offers a rigorous curriculum and programs to foster college readiness and a college-going culture, including:

## SpringBoard®

Written and field tested by teachers who understand the challenges of today's diverse classrooms, SpringBoard® is a proven model of instruction in both English Language Arts and Mathematics for all students in grades six through 12. It is based on the rigorous College Board Standards for College Success™ and aligned to state standards to help schools and students not only meet but also exceed adequate yearly progress requirements. As the foundational component for the College Board College Readiness System™, SpringBoard offers the only official Pre-AP® program proven to increase participation and prepare a greater diversity of students for success in AP® and college.

## CollegeEd®

CollegeEd® is an academic college awareness and planning program that gives students the information they need to embark on the path to college. The curriculum extends from middle school through high school and includes access to tools and resources on the College Board's college planning website.

## MyRoad™

MyRoad™ is a Web-based tool that enables students to explore majors, careers and colleges, and can be used to support CollegeEd. MyRoad also includes a personality profiler that identifies students' strengths, learning preferences, motivators and development opportunities, and helps counselors connect with students. Other features include profiles of more than 175 college majors, the latest information on more than 3,800 institutions (or 2,800 four-year colleges and universities), fascinating articles covering 450 careers, and an online magazine.

These continue at Vanguard Collegiate High School, alongside additional programs including:

## PSAT/NMSQT®

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Each year, millions of students worldwide take the PSAT/NMSQT to enter scholarship competitions, prepare for the SAT®, and gain access to valuable college and career planning tools. The test measures critical thinking skills that are important for college success and assesses three basic academic areas: critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.

## Advanced Placement Program®

The AP Program offers willing and academically prepared high school students the opportunity to study and learn at the college level. With more than 30 rigorous courses and exams in a wide variety of subject areas, AP allows students to earn college credit and placement and helps them stand out in the college admission process. Research shows that students who receive a score of 3 or higher on AP Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and improved graduation rates, compared to students who did not participate in AP.

## SAT Readiness Program™

The SAT Readiness Program™ is the College Board's collection of online, print and professional development resources that help students get ready for the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests™.

# The College Readiness System™

Implementation of College Board Programs by Year and Grade							
Implementation Year	Grade						
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>1</b> 2010-11	SpringBoard	X	X	SpringBoard PSAT/NMSQT MyRoad CollegeEd	X	X	X
<b>2</b> 2011-12	SpringBoard →	MyRoad CollegeEd	X	SpringBoard → MyRoad → CollegeEd → PSAT/NMSQT →	X	X	X
<b>3</b> 2012-13	SpringBoard →	MyRoad → CollegeEd →		PSAT/NMSQT →		SAT → SAT Readiness → AP →	X
<b>4</b> 2013-14	X	X	X	SpringBoard → MyRoad → CollegeEd → PSAT/NMSQT →		SAT → SAT Readiness → AP →	X





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