



**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICATION**  
**For 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**Due December 20, 2011**

**PAPER APPLICATION DIRECTIONS**

*or Applications may be completed electronically at [www.IngenuityProject.org](http://www.IngenuityProject.org)*

1. Complete the Student Application.
2. Complete all **THREE** types of recommendations:
  - ✓ The **Parent/Guardian Recommendation** (on page 4 of this application)
  - ✓ Choose TWO teachers, either current or past, and give each a **Teacher Recommendation Form** to complete. **The form must be returned to you in a sealed envelope.**
  - ✓ Give the **Counselor/Principal Form** requesting the academic record to the principal or assistant principal **(must be returned to you in a sealed envelope).**

*Tip: Do not wait until the last minute to ask teachers and principals for these recommendations!*

3. **Mail or deliver** (FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) your completed application with the Teacher Recommendation Forms and Counselor/Principal Form by the deadline of December 20, 2011 to:

The Ingenuity Project  
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute  
1400 W. Cold Spring Lane (Room 337)  
Baltimore, MD 21209

4. **ALL DOCUMENTS ARE TO ARRIVE IN ONE ENVELOPE. WE WILL ONLY CONSIDER COMPLETED APPLICATIONS.** Applications received after the deadline will be considered *if there are openings*. Acceptance letters will be mailed by (approximately) April 1, 2012.
5. **Testing for qualified applicants will occur in February 2012.** If you have not received notification regarding the decision to test by early February, *please contact us to verify that we received your completed application.*

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT INGENUITY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM?

1. Visit the website at <http://www.ingenuityproject.org>.
2. Attend a Parent Information Meeting at one of the Ingenuity middle schools.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth Student Email Gender (check)  Male  Female

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address Home phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current school name and number BCPSS Pupil ID# Current grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's full name Daytime phone number Email address

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Does your child have an I.E.P. or 504 plan? If so, are special testing accommodations required?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied and been tested for Ingenuity?  Yes  No If yes please indicate year and for what grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Is English your child's first language?  Yes  No Is English spoken at home?  Yes  No

Please indicate which INGENUITY school you would prefer to attend by writing 1, 2, or 3 - giving your first, second, and third choice. You do not have to live in the school's zone to apply.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Royal E/M School #66, 121 McMechen Street, 21217
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roland Park E/M School #233, 5207 Roland Avenue, 21210
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hamilton E/M School #236, 6101 Old Harford Road, 21214
- \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

**\*IMPORTANT:** School placement is assigned according to rank, based on Ingenuity Admission test scores, grades, and teacher recommendations. Top ranking applicants receive their first choice of school until those slots are filled. Selecting a second and third choice increases your child's chances of admission to the program.

**Parent/Guardian Permission:** I hereby submit application for my child to be considered for the Ingenuity Project Middle School Program, and give my permission for school officials to report my child's achievement and aptitude test scores when required. I understand that the teacher information and test results will be maintained in confidence by all members of the Screening Committee and that applications will not be returned to students.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





### PARENT/GUARDIAN RECOMMENDATION

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Ingenuity? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Notes for Parents:** Applications are **due by December 20, 2011**

- ✓ Do not send your application until you have this year's **1<sup>st</sup> quarter report card**.
- ✓ Please allow plenty of time (at least 2 weeks) for your child's teachers and guidance counselor/academic coach to complete their sections of the application.
- ✓ A few days before you plan to mail or deliver the application, remind the teachers and counselors of the upcoming due date, if you have not yet received all of the sealed envelopes from them.
- ✓ **If your student requires testing accommodations, has an *I.E.P.* or *504 plan* documenting this need, or is not a native English speaker, please inform Ingenuity at the time of application so that appropriate admissions testing arrangements can be implemented.**

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Tell us about your child and his/her strengths and weaknesses. Explain why you would like him/her to be accepted into the project.

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**Summer Camp:** If your child is accepted into the Ingenuity Project® for sixth grade, he/she will be invited to attend a Singapore Math Jumpstart Camp in the summer. The cost is \$150. Scholarships will be available for financial need. **NOTE:** It is highly recommended that all accepted students attend.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**The Ingenuity Project®  
STUDENT APPLICATION  
2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dear Prospective Ingenuity Student and Parents:

Thank you for your interest in the Ingenuity Project®! The Ingenuity Project®, a non-profit organization, is a joint effort of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Abell Foundation and Baltimore's science and mathematics community offering an advanced curriculum in mathematics and science.

The Ingenuity Project is offered to academically gifted city students at Roland Park Middle School #233, Mount Royal Middle School #66, and Hamilton Middle School #236. We seek highly motivated and highly capable students, who read above grade level, and have a high level of interest in mathematics and science.

The mission of the Ingenuity Project® is to prepare highly capable and motivated Baltimore students to achieve at nationally competitive levels in mathematics and science. Ingenuity offers advanced mathematics and science classes during the school day.

This application packet will provide you with all the information you need to apply to the program including application forms, deadlines, and program requirements. Should you have any questions, please attend one of our upcoming Parent Information Sessions:

- November 16, 2011 @ 5 p.m. Mount Royal Middle School #66, 121 McMechen Street, 21217
- November 17, 2011 @ 5p.m. Roland Park Middle School #233, 5207 Roland Avenue, 21210
- December 1, 2011 @ 5 p.m. Hamilton Middle School #236, 6101 Old Harford Road, 21214
- December 6, 2011 @ 5 p.m. Roland Park Middle School #233, 5207 Roland Avenue, 21210

**The Ingenuity Project**

Dolores Costello, Director

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David Nelson, MS, Research Coordinator

Dolores Morales, Office Manager

## APPLICANT SELECTION

To apply to the Ingenuity Project you must meet the following criteria:

- Students must be Baltimore City residents to be eligible for the Middle School program.
- Meet the following Academic Requirements:

REQUIRED ITEMS	ADMISSIONS CRITERIA
<b>MSA Scores</b>	<b>MSA:</b> Reading and Math scores in the “Proficient” or “Advanced” range (scoring a “Basic” in either of these categories will automatically deem a student “ineligible.”)
<b>OR</b> <b>Other Standardized Test (2010-2011 school year)</b>	<b>Other Standardized Test:</b> Total Reading and Total Math - at least in the 80 <sup>th</sup> national percentile
<b>Report Card Grades</b> (final for prior grade and 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of current grade)	Mathematics <b>G’s and E’s (or A’s and B’s)</b> Language Arts <b>G’s and E’s (or A’s and B’s)</b>

If you have not received notification regarding the decision to test by early February, *please contact us to verify that we received your completed application.* Only applicants who meet the prerequisites will be invited to take the Ingenuity Project Admissions Test. Applicants who score at least 80% on the Ingenuity Middle School Admissions Test will be considered “eligible to enroll.” All “eligible” students will be placed on an Admissions List and ranked according to Ingenuity test scores, teacher recommendations, and grades. Top-ranking applicants will be offered their first choice of school. After first-choice spaces are filled, applicants will be offered second and third choices, in Admissions List rank order, until all slots are filled. There are always more eligible applicants than available spaces. **Acceptance letters will be mailed by April 1, 2012.**

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The philosophy of the Ingenuity Project® is to nurture, develop and encourage the Ingenuity participant. In keeping with this philosophy, students must meet the following requirements for the duration of the program:

- Excellent attendance with no unexcused absences. This includes summer programs for Ingenuity.
- Maintain a demeanor that is respectful of fellow Ingenuity students and teachers and which honors the importance of the work. Students who do not meet attendance and behavior standards will be dismissed from the program.
- Maintain an 80 average or above in all course work. If at any time during the year an Ingenuity student is not showing consistent effort to meet the standards, the student and his/her parents will be asked to meet with the school and Ingenuity staff to assess the student’s difficulties and determine the necessary steps for improvement in academic performance. Students who are continually unable to meet the demands of the Project will not reenter the program for the subsequent year. If students withdraw or are asked to leave because they do not meet the standards, they will be assigned to regular classes.





**THE INGENUITY PROJECT®  
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM  
(Confidential)**

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Student's Last Name                      First Name                      MI      Sex      BCPSS #                      Current Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current School                      Address

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_ Years    \_\_\_\_ Months

How do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Ability**

Verbal ability  
Mathematical ability  
Intellectual curiosity  
Ability to grasp new concepts

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average
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Quality of written ideas  
Oral expression  
Completes homework

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Oral expression				
Completes homework				

**School Behavior**

Motivation  
Ability to work in a group  
Ability to work independently  
Attention span  
Respect for others

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Attention span				
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Completed By (Please Print)                      Position                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title                      Email                      Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Subject Taught                      Grade Taught

OFFICE USE:



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Completed By (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject Taught

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Taught

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