

The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future legislation is intended to transform Maryland’s early childhood, elementary, and secondary education system to the levels of high-performing systems around the world. The goals of the Blueprint are to improve the quality and equity of Maryland’s education system so that every Maryland student receives a world-class education that prepares them for success in college and career. The policies in the Blueprint will be fully implemented by 2032.

Allegany County Public Schools have embraced the opportunities provided by the Blueprint. A comprehensive plan has been approved by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Accountability & Governance Board to guide our work through 2027.

The following descriptions provide general information about the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future legislation in each of the identified areas, or Pillars.

## **1** Pillar 1: Early Childhood Education

BP Initiatives identified in Pillar 1 address full day Pre-K at no- or reduced-cost for more families, public-private Pre-K partnerships to expand options for families, expansion of wraparound services for students and families through Judy Centers, increased funding for the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program to support students with special needs, and more funding dedicated to elevating the quality of student experiences in early childhood education. ACPS has embraced the tenets of Blueprint Pillar One initially by increasing the amount of Pre-K seats in the county by expanding full-day opportunities, welcoming involved private providers, and expanding Pre-K services by opening the Western Early Learning Center (WELC).

## **2** Pillar 2: High Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders

The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future seeks to elevate the teaching profession through the implementation of a career ladder, raising starting teacher pay to \$60,000, providing incentives for National Board Certified teachers, and raising expectations for teacher preparation, induction, and mentoring programs to attract and retain high-quality teachers. ACPS joins the AIB and MSDE in collaboration with our partners to improve opportunities for teachers and teacher leaders through the implementation of Blueprint initiatives.

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### Pillar 3: College and Career Leaders

Pillar 3, the College and Career Readiness pillar, sets a new College and Career Readiness (CCR) standard that prepares high school graduates for success in and beyond high school. The Blueprint aims to have all students meet the CCR standard by the end of their 10th grade year. Pillar 3 Blueprint initiatives include:

- developing CCR-support pathways in high school to help students meet the standard,
- enabling students to enter a post-CCR pathway that builds on the student's strengths
- developing a Career and Technical Education system that is aligned with industry's needs
- ensuring that all curriculum, standards, and assessments are aligned with the new CCR standard

ACPS is excited to leverage the initiatives outlined in the Blueprint to provide opportunities for all students to prepare in order to excel in their post-secondary plans.

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### Pillar 4: More Resources for All Students to be Successful

Blueprint Pillar 4 initiatives focus on providing supports and resources for all to improve student outcomes. Initiatives in Pillar 4 include providing wraparound services through the expansion of community schools, targeting supports for students and families based on differentiated needs, and establishing a workgroup on multilingual learners. ACPS has followed the recommendations and requirements of the Blueprint to inform Pillar 4 work in the areas of community schools, special education, and Multilingual Learners.



## Pillar 5: Governance and Accountability

Pillar 5, the Governance and Accountability Pillar, focuses on ensuring the successful implementation of the Blueprint across the ACPS system. ACPS has formed and maintains a Pillar 5 team to oversee the development and implementation of the Blueprint in the Allegany County Public School System. Pillar 5 aims to embrace and increase stakeholder engagement and implement the Blueprint with fidelity and transparency to ensure our outcomes are achieved.

More information about the Blueprint, as well as Allegany's comprehensive Blueprint Implementation Plan, is available on the Accountability & Implementation Board's website at [aib.marlyand.gov](http://aib.marlyand.gov)

ACPS will provide consistent updates on current implementation strategies via Blueprint Newsletters. The ACPS Blueprint Implementation Coordinator is Wendy Main ([wendy.main@acpsmd.org](mailto:wendy.main@acpsmd.org)).