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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction has developed several winter, spring, and summer enrichment packets (Grades K-12) as part of our program to support outstanding academic achievement for students. In addition to providing support for parents and students to use all year, this initiative provides support for the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) and High School Assessments (HSA).

Student enrichment packets and answer keys will be posted as a resource on our website and will remain posted all year. They can be accessed through a tab labeled Student Enrichment Packets on the main Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS') webpage. The PGCPS web address is www.pgcps.org. While we encourage parents to have their students complete the packets for additional practice in the content areas for their grade level, we are not requiring teachers to provide feedback on the completion of these activities or to provide extra credit for work done. Attached to this letter is a list of the packets available and Frequently Asked Questions for additional information.

If you need further clarification or have questions, please contact Dr. Judith J. White, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at break.packet@pgcps.org.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

Sincerely,

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Chief Academic Officer

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Attachments



2019-2020 Optional Student Enrichment Packets

Grade	Content Packets Available	Additional Resources
Grades K-5	 Reading/English Language Arts and Social Studies packets per grade level Mathematics packets per grade level Science packets per grade level (Spring and Summer) Science Grade 5 (Winter only) 	Answer Keys
Grades 6-8	 Reading/English Language Arts Social Studies Mathematics: Accelerated 1, Accelerated 2, Foundations of Algebra, Grade 6 Math, Grade 7 Math, and Grade 8 Math Science packets per grade level (Spring and Summer) Science Grade 8 (Winter only) 	Answer Keys
Grades 9-12	 College and Career Reading/English Language Arts Mathematics: Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 Local, State, and National Government Biology International Baccalaureate Calendar (Summer Only) Advanced Placement Calendar (Summer Only) 	Answer Keys



2019-2020 Student Enrichment Packets Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Are the Student Enrichment Packets mandatory?

A: No. The student enrichment packets are optional, but we ask that you encourage your child (ren) to complete them throughout the year in order to maintain skills learned or learn new skills as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Q: How do you access the packets?

A: The packets can be accessed through a tab labeled <u>Student Enrichment Packets</u> on the main Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS') home page. The PGCPS website address is <u>www.pgcps.org</u>.

Q: When will the answer keys be available?

A: Answer keys that apply for each packet will already be posted. Many of our summer packets do not include answer keys as they are daily activities.

Q: Are packets for all PGCPS schools, including students in charter schools?

A: Yes. The packets are systemic for all students, and they are optional. Select only the packet(s) for your child's grade level.

Q: Is there a packet available for Pre-Kindergarten students?

A: No. Packets are available only for Kindergarten through Twelfth grade.

Q: What should I do if my child needs help with completing the packet?

A: These packets are for extra practice only, teachers will not be expected to assist or review student work.

Q: Who should I contact if I have questions on the calendar/packet?

A: You can send an email to break.packet@pgcps.org.

Q: Who should receive my child's completed packet?

A: You are not required to submit packets as the packets are only for your use with your child (ren).

Q: Will credit be given if the packet is complete?

A: Packets are optional, and no credit will be awarded for completion.

Q: What should I do if I am not able to download the packet?

A: Try downloading from a different computer or you may email break.packet@pgcps.org.