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To Whom It May Concern,

The PEAC Scholars Program at Col. Zadok Magruder High School is an interdisciplinary, college preparatory cohort. PEAC stands for Pursuing Excellence in the Academic Curricula and focuses on the development of sophisticated oral and written communication skills, critical thinking, and fostering independent learning. Students who apply and are selected to this program choose either a Humanities or STEM track that provides a focus for their advanced level courses. During their senior year, PEAC Scholars are required to complete an independent research capstone (Research Project A/B on the transcript). This includes the development of a research paper and presentation at the annual school showcase evening. The advanced courses required for completion of the program are outlined below. Courses designated as a PEAC Honors course are more advanced than the school’s honors offering and are geared towards preparation for subsequent Advanced Placement courses. With increased interest and access to Dual Enrollment courses through Montgomery College, students can also fulfill their junior and senior AP requirements through Dual Enrollment courses. Should you have any further questions about the PEAC Scholars program, please do not hesitate to reach out.

<u>Humanities Track</u>	<u>STEM Track</u>
<p><u>Freshman Year</u> PEAC Honors English 9 (Cohort) AP US Government & Politics</p> <p><u>Sophomore Year</u> PEAC Honors English 10 (cohort) AP US History</p> <p><u>Junior Year</u> AP English Language</p> <p><u>Senior Year</u> AP English Literature Research Project</p> <p>Students must take a total of 7 Advanced Placement courses by the time they graduate with a concentration of humanities courses.</p>	<p><u>Freshman Year</u> PEAC Honors English 9 (Cohort) PEAC Biology</p> <p><u>Sophomore Year</u> PEAC Honors English 10 (cohort) PEAC Honors Chemistry</p> <p><u>Junior Year</u> AP English Language (strongly encouraged for STEM students, but not required)</p> <p><u>Senior Year</u> Research Project</p> <p>Students must take a total of 7 Advanced Placement courses by the time they graduate with a concentration of STEM courses.</p> <p>*Students who also complete an academy program are only required to take 4 AP courses.</p>

Sincerely,

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