

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



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**MIDDLE
SCHOOL
PROGRAM
OPPORTUNITIES**

GENERAL INFORMATION MEETINGS

Parents and fifth grade students are invited to attend one of two general information meetings on middle school and traditional school program opportunities. Both meetings are scheduled in the fall from 7 – 9 p.m. Representatives from the middle school specialty programs, as well as the traditional programs, will be present at each meeting. Parents and students may attend either of these two events. In addition, each middle school specialty program and both traditional schools will offer information presentations at their schools for interested parents and students. Please refer to the Specialty Program web page for dates and times for all meetings.

Disponible en español.

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Multiple opportunities for students entering middle school are offered in Prince William County Public Schools. Students may choose among several middle school programs. Your son or daughter has the following options:

- Remain in the regular program in your base middle school;
- Apply for the specialty program in your base middle school;
- Transfer for a specialty program at another middle school; or
- Transfer for the Pennington or Porter Traditional Schools.

I hope you will consider these options as you begin planning with your child for middle school.

If you choose to apply for a middle school specialty program, three types of programs are available. Sixth-grade students may attend a specialty program in mathematics and science, a specialty program in world languages, or an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Students may choose to apply to more than one program, but a separate application must be completed for each program. If a program exceeds capacity, a lottery will be held to admit transfer students. Additional information on these programs has been included in this brochure.

In addition, fifth-grade students have the option of applying for a traditional school. Philip Michael Pennington School and Mary G. Porter School serve students in grades one through eight. Enrollment in both Pennington School and Porter School is limited. If more students apply than the school can admit, a lottery will be held. Additional information on these schools has been included in this brochure.

In order to attend a specialty program or traditional school, fifth-grade students must apply by February 1. All students must apply to be considered for such programs, even if they live in the attendance zone for the school where the specialty program is located.

Whatever your decision, I hope that you will participate in your son's or daughter's school. Involved parents/guardians are vital to student success in school. You are an important part of our school community.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Walts
Superintendent of Schools

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme has been authorized at Beville, Hampton and Stonewall Middle Schools for grades six, seven, and eight. The Middle Years Programme offers a challenging, comprehensive, academic program for middle school students. The program connects the subject areas of language arts, humanities, mathematics, science, world language, technology, arts and physical education through five Areas of Interaction.

The program continues in ninth and tenth grade. A Middle Years Programme Certificate may be obtained at Gar-Field or Stonewall Jackson High Schools at the end of the tenth grade year. Limited express transportation is provided.



GENERAL INFORMATION

If a program exceeds capacity, a lottery will be held to admit transfer students.

Beville Middle School

Additional schools served

- Fred Lynn
- Lake Ridge
- Saunders
- Woodbridge

Hampton Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton
- Graham Park
- Potomac
- Rippon

Stonewall Middle School

Additional schools served

- Bull Run
- Gainesville
- Marsteller
- The Nokesville School
- Parkside
- Reagan

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Programs in mathematics and science are offered at Graham Park, Marsteller, and Rippon Middle Schools for students in grades six, seven, and eight.

These programs provide students the opportunity to become engaged in an intensive program of study in mathematics and science. The programs have been planned to challenge



and motivate students while developing their critical thinking skills through discovery and exploration. Limited express transportation is provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If a program exceeds capacity, a lottery will be held to admit transfer students.

Graham Park Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton
- Beville
- Hampton
- Saunders

Marsteller Middle School

Additional schools served

- Bull Run
- Gainesville
- The Nokesville School
- Parkside
- Reagan
- Stonewall

Rippon Middle School

Additional schools served

- Fred Lynn
- Lake Ridge
- Potomac
- Woodbridge

WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

World Language Programs are offered at Fred Lynn, Lake Ridge, and Parkside Middle Schools. These programs allow a student to receive one high school world language credit



for work done in sixth and seventh grade and one high school credit for work done in eighth grade. The languages offered are French and Spanish.

Students entering grades seven and eight who wish to apply must contact the program coordinator for prior approval. Limited express transportation is provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If a program exceeds capacity, a lottery will be held to admit transfer students.

Fred Lynn Middle School

Additional schools served

- Graham Park
- Potomac
- Rippon
- Woodbridge

Lake Ridge Middle School

Additional schools served

- Beville
- Hampton
- Saunders

Parkside Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton
- Bull Run
- Gainesville
- The Nokesville School
- Marsteller
- Reagan
- Stonewall

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- **All student must complete the online application in order to be considered for the programs they are interested in attending.** The online application requires students to rank order their first, second and third program choice.
- **Students interested in Pennington School or Porter School are required to submit a separate paper application.**
- Applications are required for students residing within a school boundary as well as for students who transfer for a program.
- Students who apply to attend a specialty program at a middle school other than their base middle school must submit a Student Transfer Request Form and transfer to that middle school for the program.
- For all students residing in Prince William County before January 1
 - **Online applications must be submitted on or before February 1.**
 - **Paper applications for Pennington and Porter Schools must be postmarked no later than February 1 or delivered in-person no later than 4 p.m. on February 1.**
- Students moving into the county after January 1 should call the coordinator of the program or programs of interest for additional information.
- Please review the guide for attendance areas for the middle school specialty programs and for the traditional programs.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Students living within the boundaries of the specialty program school may ride their regular bus to school. Transportation services for students who reside outside the boundaries of the specialty program school will be provided via a network of express bus stops. Transportation requests, including the selection of a specific express stop, must be returned to the school with the specialty program application. The transportation request process must be repeated every year the student is enrolled in the specialty program. Parents are responsible to provide transportation to and from express bus stops.

TRADITIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Grades one through eight

PHILIP MICHAEL PENNINGTON SCHOOL

9305 Stonewall Road
 Manassas, Virginia 22110
 703.369.6644
 Ms. Joyce Stockton, Principal

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SERVED

Alvey	Mountain View
Bennett	Mullen
Bristow Run	The Nokesville School
Buckland Mills	Penn
Cedar Point	Piney Branch
Chris Yung	Signal Hill
Coles	Sinclair
Ellis	Sudley
Glenkirk	T. Clay Wood
Gravelly	Tyler
Haymarket	Victory
Loch Lomond	West Gate
Marshall	Yorkshire



MARY G. PORTER SCHOOL

15311 Forest Grove Drive
 Woodbridge, Virginia 22191
 703.580.6501
 Ms. Darci Whitehead, Principal



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SERVED

Antietam	McAuliffe
Ashland	Minnieville
Bel Air	Montclair
Belmont	Neabsco
Dale City	Occoquan
Dumfries	Old Bridge
Enterprise	Pattie
Featherstone	Potomac View
Fitzgerald	River Oaks
Henderson	Rockledge
Kerrydale	Rosa Parks
Kilby	Springwoods
King	Swans Creek
Kyle Wilson	Triangle
Lake Ridge	Vaughan
Leesylvania	Westridge
Marumsc Hills	Williams

To learn more about the Traditional Schools programs, please plan to attend one of the school's information meetings.



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

- All students transfer to attend these programs.
- The programs provide research-based innovative educational strategies within a traditional educational framework.
- Parents and students are involved in all facets of school life with parental and student contracts.
- Both parents and students are required to complete hours of school service.
- Students are required to wear school uniforms.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

In order to be considered for Pennington School or Porter School, parents and students must complete an application. Applications will be available at all information presentations. Applications will also be available at Pennington School and at Porter School as well as at all elementary and middle schools in early December.

Enrollment at both Pennington and Porter Schools is limited. If the number of applications received exceeds enrollment capacity, a lottery is used to determine program participation. All applications to Pennington School and Porter School must be postmarked by February 1 or delivered in person to the main office by 4 p.m., February 1.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Transportation services for students will be provided via a network of express bus stops. Transportation requests, including the selection of a specific express stop, must be returned to the school with the program application. The transportation request process must be repeated for every year the student is enrolled in a traditional program. Parents have the responsibility to provide transportation to and from express bus stops.

SAME GENDER PROGRAM

Woodbridge Middle School

The only program of its kind offered by Prince William County Public Schools, the Same Gender Program offers students the choice to be scheduled on an academic team that is either all-boy, all-girl, or coeducational. Students in the program participate in same gender classes for language arts, math, science, foreign language, and social studies. All other classes follow a traditional coeducation format. The program is open to transfers but transportation is not provided. This is an opt-in program, and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

THE CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMME

Parkside Middle School

The Cambridge Programme at Parkside is a whole school initiative aiding in the development of successful learners and preparing students for the rigors of higher education. The Cambridge curriculum is embedded in all course subjects and designed to supplement, support and enrich the learning opportunities of students. As Cambridge promotes educating the whole person, students also have the option of challenging Cambridge courses in Spanish, French Literature, Science and PE/Health. The Cambridge Programme at Parkside is site specific and not open to student transfers.



GAINESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

NOTES

Gainesville Middle School for the Arts and Sciences provides students with a comprehensive middle school program placing an emphasis on the Arts and S.T.E.M. related curricula. Students at Gainesville participate in Drama, Music, Creative Writing, Speech, and Journalism as well as enriched science, math and career oriented classes. The goal at Gainesville is to give our students the chance to explore many career opportunities and strengthen their abilities in the subject areas that they love or in which they wish to be successful. The Arts and Sciences program at Gainesville is site specific and currently not open to student transfers.



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Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) does not discriminate in employment or in its educational programs and activities against qualified individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability. PWCS provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following individual will handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies, including Section 504 and Title IX:

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