

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2015-16 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

An Information Guide



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 Sunday, February 1, 2015. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven L. Walts". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Steven L. Walts
Superintendent of Schools

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International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme has been authorized at Beville Middle School, at Godwin Middle School, and at Stonewall Middle School 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

- Lake Ridge
- Saunders
- Woodbridge

Program Coordinator Ms. Morgan
Telephone 703.878.2593
Email morgandc@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETINGS

7 p.m. Beville Middle School
Thursday, November 13, 2014 or
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Fred Lynn Middle School — IBMYP Candidate School

*Serving Fred Lynn Middle School Students Only.
No transfers accepted into this program.*

INFORMATION MEETINGS

See Fred Lynn World Language Program on page 6

Godwin Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton (FPHS, HSHS)*
- Graham Park
- Potomac
- Rippon

Program Coordinator Ms. Boddie
Telephone: 703.670.6166
Email boddiech@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETINGS

7 p.m. Godwin Middle School
Thursday, November 13, 2014 or
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

* *Benton Middle School students who will attend Forest Park or Hylton High Schools are eligible to attend this program.*

Stonewall Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton (BDHS, OPHS)**
- Bull Run
- Gainesville
- Marsteller
- The Nokesville School
- Parkside
- Reagan

Program Coordinator Mr. Beard
Telephone 703.361.3185
Email beardnr@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETINGS

7 p.m. Stonewall Middle School
Thursday, November 20, 2014 or
Wednesday, January 7, 2015

** *Benton Middle School students who will attend Brentsville or Osbourn Park High Schools are eligible to attend this program.*



Mathematics and Science Programs Middle School

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 (FPHS, HSHS)*
- Beville
- Godwin
- Saunders

Program Coordinator Ms. Bye
 Telephone 703.221.2118
 Email byeja@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETINGS

6:30 p.m. Graham Park Middle School
 Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Snow Date: Monday, January 12, 2015

* *Benton Middle School students who will attend Forest Park or Hylton High Schools are eligible to attend this program.*

Marsteller Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton (BDHS, OPHS)**
- Bull Run
- Gainesville
- The Nokesville School
- Parkside
- Reagan
- Stonewall

Program Coordinator Ms. Quinlan
 Telephone 703.393.7608
 Email quinlash@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETING

6:30 p.m. Marsteller Middle School
 Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Snow Date: Monday, January 12, 2015

** *Benton Middle School students who will attend Brentsville or Osbourn Park High Schools are eligible to attend this program.*

Rippon Middle School

Additional schools served

- Fred Lynn
- Lake Ridge
- Potomac
- Woodbridge

Program Coordinator Ms. Alton
 Telephone 703.491.2171
 Email altonjl@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETING

6:30 p.m. Rippon Middle School
 Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Snow Date: Monday, January 12, 2015



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 foreign 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.

These programs are open for students in grade six and for students in grades seven and eight who were enrolled in the program during school

year 2014-15. 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

Program Coordinator Mr. Patterson
 Telephone 703.494.5157
 Email patterga@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETING

7 p.m. Fred Lynn Middle School
 Wednesday, November 5, 2014 or
 Thursday, January 8, 2015

Lake Ridge Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton (FPHS, HSHS)*
- Beville
- Godwin
- Saunders

Program Coordinator Ms. Maynard
 Telephone 703.494.5154
 Email maynarka@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETINGS

7 p.m. Lake Ridge Middle School
 Wednesday, November 5, 2014 or
 Thursday, January 8, 2015

* *Benton Middle School students who will attend Forest Park or Hylton High Schools are eligible to attend this program.*

Parkside Middle School

Additional schools served

- Benton (BDHS, OPHS)**
- Bull Run
- Gainesville
- The Nokesville School
- Marsteller
- Reagan
- Stonewall

Program Coordinator Ms. Knowlton
 Telephone 703.361.3106
 Email knowltmd@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETING

6:30 p.m. Parkside Middle School
 Wednesday, November 5, 2014 or
 Thursday, January 8, 2015

** *Benton Middle School students who will attend Brentsville or Osbourn Park High Schools are eligible to attend this program.*



Schedule for Information Meetings for 2015-16 Programs

GENERAL INFORMATION MEETINGS

Monday, October 13, 2014 at the Kelly Leadership Center, 7-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at the Kelly Leadership Center, 7-9:00 p.m.

| Location | Event | Day | Date | Time |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMMES | | | | |
| Beville Middle | Program Information Meeting | Thursday | November 13, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Beville Middle | Program Information Meeting | Tuesday | January 20, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Godwin Middle | Program Information Meeting | Thursday | November 13, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Godwin Middle | Program Information Meeting | Tuesday | January 13, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Stonewall Middle | Program Information Meeting | Thursday | November 20, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Stonewall Middle | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | January 7, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS | | | | |
| Graham Park Middle | Program Information Meeting | Tuesday | January 6, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Graham Park Middle | Meeting SNOW DATE | Monday | January 12, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Marsteller Middle | Program Information Meeting | Tuesday | January 6, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Marsteller Middle | Meeting SNOW DATE | Monday | January 12, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Rippon Middle | Program Information Meeting | Tuesday | January 6, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Rippon Middle | Meeting SNOW DATE | Monday | January 12, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAMS | | | | |
| Fred Lynn Middle | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | November 5, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Fred Lynn Middle | Program Information Meeting | Thursday | January 8, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Lake Ridge Middle | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | November 5, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Lake Ridge Middle | Program Information Meeting | Thursday | January 8, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Parkside Middle | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | November 5, 2014 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Parkside Middle | Program Information Meeting | Thursday | January 8, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| TRADITIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS | | | | |
| Pennington School | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | November 19, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | January 7, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| | New Parent Visitation | Thursday | January 8, 2015 | 9:30 - 11 a.m. |
| | Questionnaire Completion | Saturday | December 13, 2014 | 10 and 11 a.m. |
| | Questionnaire Completion | Saturday | January 10, 2015 | 10 and 11 a.m. |
| Porter School | Questionnaire Completion | Saturday | January 24, 2015 | 10 and 11 a.m. |
| | Program Information Meeting | Tuesday | December 16, 2014 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | January 21, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| | New Parent Visitation | Friday | January 16, 2015 | 10 - 11 a.m. |
| | Questionnaire Completion | Tuesday | January 6, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| | Questionnaire Completion | Wednesday | January 14, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Woodbridge Middle | Questionnaire Completion | Thursday | January 22, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| | Questionnaire Completion | Wednesday | January 28, 2015 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| | Program Information Meeting | Tuesday | November 19, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Woodbridge Middle | Program Information Meeting | Wednesday | December 4, 2014 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Woodbridge Middle | Program Information Meeting | Monday | January 6, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. |

General Information Presentations

Information on all of the middle school specialty programs and on the traditional programs will be presented on two information nights. Parents and students may attend either of these two presentations.

SPECIALTY PROGRAM INFORMATION PRESENTATIONS

Time:7 p.m.
Date:Monday, October 13, 2014
Place: the Kelly Leadership Center

or

Time:7 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Place: the Kelly Leadership Center

In addition, each middle school specialty program and traditional program will offer information presentations for interested parents and students. Please review the guide for dates and times.

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, 2015
 - **Online applications must be submitted on or before Sunday, February 1, 2015.**
 - **Paper applications for Pennington and Porter Schools must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 6, 2015 or delivered in-person no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2015.**
- Students moving into the county after January 1, 2015 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.

Specialty 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 for every year the student is enrolled in the specialty program. Parents have the responsibility to provide transportation to and from express bus stops.

Este panfleto está traducido al español. Si usted quiere una copia, favor de llamar al número 703.791.7400 o mandar un mensaje electrónico a muddje@pwcs.edu.

Traditional School Programs

Grades one through eight



PHILIP MICHAEL PENNINGTON SCHOOL

9305 Stonewall Road

Manassas, Virginia 22110

703.369.6644

Ms. Joyce Stockton, Principal



MARY G. PORTER SCHOOL

15311 Forest Grove Drive

Woodbridge, Virginia 22191

703.580.6501

Ms. Darci Whitehead, Principal

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 after Friday, December 12, 2014.

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 Friday, February 6, 2015 or delivered in person to the main office by 4 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2015.

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.



Pennington School

9305 Stonewall Road
Manassas, Virginia 20110

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SERVED

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

Information Meetings

To learn more about these programs, please plan to attend one of the following information meetings.

PENNINGTON SCHOOL

Information Night Meetings

Time 7 p.m.
Date Wednesday, November 19, 2014

or

Time 7 p.m.
Date Wednesday, January 7, 2015

New Parent Visitation

Time 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Date Thursday, January 8, 2015



Porter School

15311 Forest Grove Drive
Woodbridge, Virginia 22191

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SERVED

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

Information Meetings

To learn more about these programs, please plan to attend one of the following information meetings.

PORTER SCHOOL

Information Night Meetings

Time 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Date Tuesday, December 16, 2014

or

Time 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Date Wednesday, January 21, 2015

New Parent Visitation

Time 10 - 11 a.m.
Date Friday, January 16, 2015

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.

Principal Skyles Calhoun
Telephone 703.494.3181
Email calhousa@pwcs.edu

Director of School Counseling Joe Lederman
Telephone 703.494.3181
Email ledermjd@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETING

7 p.m. Woodbridge Middle School
Tuesday, November 4, 2014 or
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Monday, January 5, 2015



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.

Program Coordinator Ms. Knowlton
Telephone 703.361.3106
Email knowltd@pwcs.edu

INFORMATION MEETING

6:30 p.m. Parkside Middle School
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 or
Thursday, January 8, 2015

Gainesville Middle School for Arts and Sciences

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.

Principal Catherine Porter-Lucas
Email portercr@pwcs.edu
Director of School Counseling Karen Mosley
Email mosleykl@pwcs.edu
Telephone 703.753.2997

INFORMATION MEETING

6:30 p.m. Gainesville Middle School
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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Prince William County

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Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
Prince William County Public Schools, P.O. Box 389, Manassas, VA

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