

News Release: Preparing for School: Transition and Orientation Days August 21 and 25

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – In preparation for the 2014-15 school year, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will host a transition day for students entering middle school grades 6 or 7 (according to middle school configuration) and high school students entering grade 9, and an orientation day for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation Day August 21

On Thursday, August 21, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will attend a program at their schools. Parents will be receiving a schedule of events from their child's school.

Middle and High School Transition Day August 25

On Monday, August 25th, students entering middle school in the 6th or 7th grades and high school in the 9th grade for the first time will attend an all-day program at their schools. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Students who ride buses will be picked up and dropped off at their regular time and bus stop location. Please utilize the PGCPS website for specific drop off and pick up times. Additionally, a notification letter will be sent to all students.

To help prepare students for middle and high school, the Transition Day allows students to participate in their regular school schedule, attend an information session designed to provide them with the resources needed for an academically and socially successful school year, and meet key staff members, as well as their student guides.

Students should arrive to school with their printed schedule from SchoolMAX, as they will attend classes throughout the day, in accordance to their A and B day schedules. Students will also participate in an information session where a wide variety of topics will be discussed, including:

understanding middle/high school schedules

bus schedules

school policies

lockers

extracurricular activities etc.

tools for success such as student handbooks and calendars

strategies for success including homework and student responsibilities

important school staff and offices to help make each student's high school experience a success

profile of a graduate with information on SchoolMax, transcripts, testing, etc.

getting home successfully by respecting bus rules

PGCPS looks forward to making all students' transition to elementary, middle and high school a positive experience by

answering their questions and helping them ease their way into their new school. Parents with questions about transition days should contact their child's school.

The first day of school for all other PGCPS students is Tuesday, August 26.