



Phoenix Middle School
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Dear Families of Worthington 6th graders:

Phoenix Middle School is excited to **begin our recruitment for our 2021-2022 7th grade class!** Below, you will find a list of dates and information that will be relevant should you choose to find out more about our program for your 6th grader:

Informational Sessions for 6th Grade Students:

In early February, every 6th grade classroom will be presenting an informational video focusing on a day in the life of a Phoenix student. Our goal is to provide every 6th grade student in Worthington with information about Phoenix Middle School prior to applying to enter the lottery to become a 7th grade student with Phoenix in the 2021-2022 school year. This video will also be posted on our website and made available for families to review with their students outside of class.

Learning about Phoenix Middle School:

Phoenix Middle School is an option for families in Worthington Schools, and we invite all parents of current 6th graders to learn about our school and see if it might be a good fit for their child. Below are recommended opportunities to learn about Phoenix Middle School:

- **Student/Parent Information Meetings**

Attendance is highly encouraged for those parents whose children are interested in entering the lottery.

School	Date/Time	Zoom Link
Kilbourne and Worthingway Middle Schools (Colonial Hills, Evening Street, Wilson Hill, Worthington Estates and Worthington Park)	Feb. 11 at 6:30-7:30 PM	https://zoom.us/j/94800929255?pwd=d1BORG16N2NuVhJNW1JNVE5WEVDQTo9 Passcode: 244954
McCord and Perry Middle Schools (Granby, Liberty, Worthington Hills, Bluffsvew, Brookside and Slate Hill)	Feb. 18 at 6:30-7:30 PM	https://zoom.us/j/91234066385?pwd=TotxdGRMZFRtejZoRVRqNigoVXBrZz09 Passcode: 382935

- **“Open House” for Prospective Families**

- Friday, March 12 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM by appointment)
- Location: Zoom
- Staff, current students, and parents will be available for personal discussion.

- **Additional Information**

- Phoenix Middle School Website: <https://www.phoenixms.org/>
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Phoenix Middle School](#)

The student application will be accessible on the Phoenix website's homepage.

The application will be available online on and after Feb. 1, 2021.

Application, Lottery, and Sibling Information:

- **To apply to be a Phoenix 7th grader for the 2021-2022 school year:** students must complete the current Phoenix Middle School Application (this will be available to complete online Feb. 1, 2021 at www.phoenixms.org) and **submit it to the website no later than Friday, March 12, 2021, 4:00 pm.**
- Students who have submitted completed applications on time will be entered into a lottery that will be held at the Worthington Education Center on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021.**
- The Phoenix Middle School lottery is conducted at the district level; not the school. All questions about the lottery process should be referred to Jeanne Prest, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Neil Gupta, Director of Secondary Education, at 614-450-6015.
- Students will be drawn from the lottery on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021** by neighborhood school.
- The McCord MS attendance area students (21 students) will be pulled from the lottery at 10:00 AM; Kilbourne MS students (16 students) from 10:30 AM; Worthingway MS students (25 students) from 11:00 AM; and, Perry MS students (22 students) at 11:30 AM.
- To be eligible, students must be residents in the Worthington Schools when school begins Fall 2021.

The lottery will be live-streamed. Students are NOT required to be present at the lottery on drawing day to be eligible for a spot.

- Due to our lengthy, unique daily schedule, we allow current Phoenix families with a student who is in the 7th grade (moving to 8th grade in Fall 2021) to have automatic admittance for an incoming 7th grade sibling through the application and lottery process. **IMPORTANT: Even if the 6th grader has a sibling who is a current Phoenix 7th grader, the student MUST complete and submit an application.** Students without applications WILL NOT be entered into the lottery, regardless of whether their sibling is in the current Phoenix 7th grade class.
- FYI: The children of Phoenix staff can be a part of the new class after an application is submitted. The Phoenix staff's child does NOT take a seat in the lottery pool.

Final Notes

- After the lottery has been completed and we have our new 7th grade class for 2021-2022, we will host the new students at Phoenix MS for an **Orientation/Open House on the morning of May 7, 2021. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from Phoenix that morning.** More information will be provided to students who are selected.
- We will also hold New Parent Orientation/Acceptance Meetings between March 22 and April 9. More information will be provided in the future.
- If you have any other questions about the Phoenix Middle School program, please email Sean Flynn (sflynn@wscloud.org) or Robert Estice (restice@wscloud.org).
- If you have any questions about the Phoenix Middle School lottery, please email Jeanne Prest (jprest@wscloud.org).

We look forward to meeting you and your 6th grade students during our recruitment process this spring!

The Phoenix Middle School Staff