



# Middle School Information Night

October 22, 2018

Arlington Public Schools





# Middle School Principals



**Dr. Lori Wiggins  
Gunston**



**Dr. Casey Robinson  
H-B Woodlawn**



**Keisha Boggan  
Jefferson**



# Middle School Principals



**Ellen Smith**  
**New Middle School**



**David McBride**  
**Kenmore**



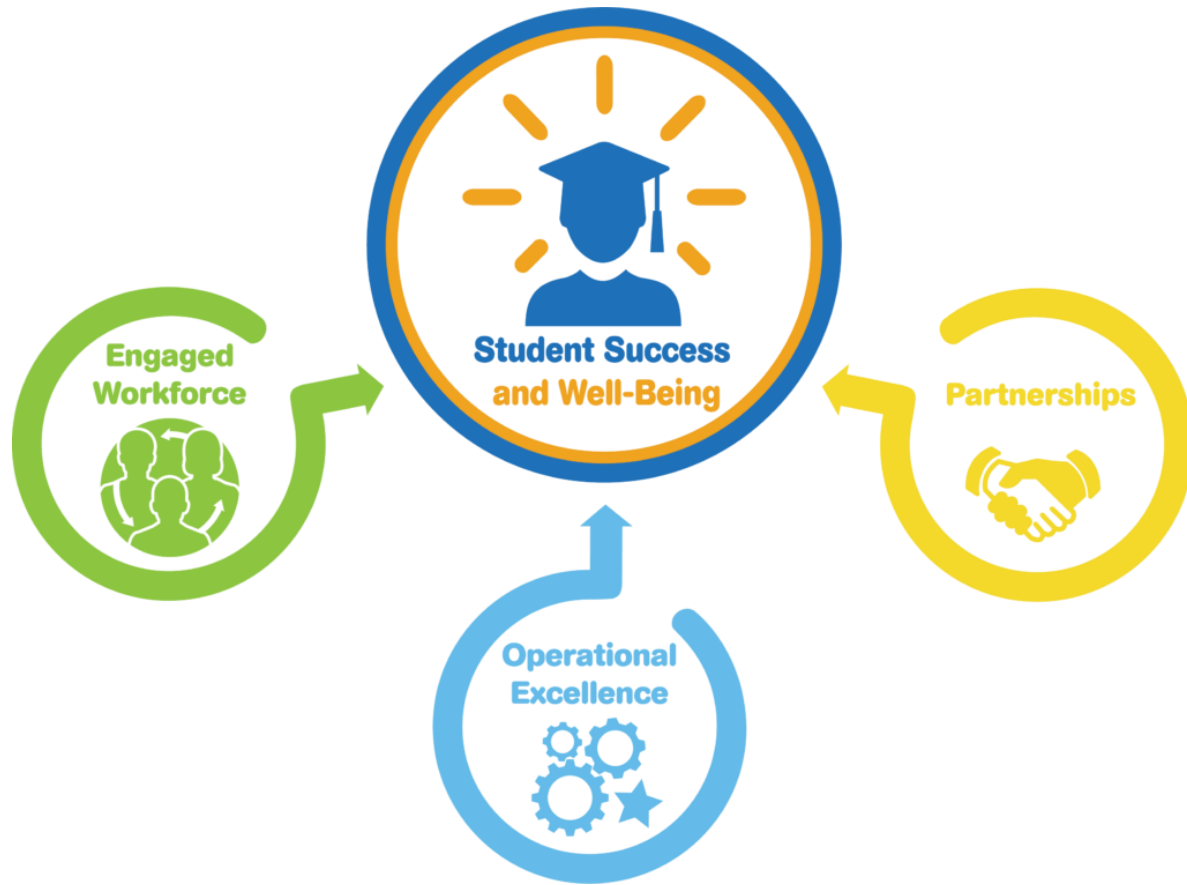
**Renee Harber**  
**Swanson**



**Bryan Boykin**  
**Williamsburg**



# APS 2018-24 Strategic Plan



**Goal One:** Student Success - Multiple Pathways to Success for All Students

**Goal Two:** Student Well-Being - Healthy, Safe, and Supported Students

**Goal Three:** Engaged Workforce

**Goal Four:** Operational Excellence

**Goal Five:** Partnerships - Strong and Mutually Supportive Partnerships



# Welcome to Middle School

Video Here



# Choosing Your Path



**Gunston**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Jefferson**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Kenmore**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Swanson**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Williamsburg**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL



**H-B Woodlawn**  
SECONDARY PROGRAM

## January

- Elementary Counselor “Transition to Middle School” meetings
- HB Woodlawn lottery complete

## February

- Middle school counselors to visit elementary schools for course selection sessions
- Deadline to accept admissions

## March

- Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade course request forms due

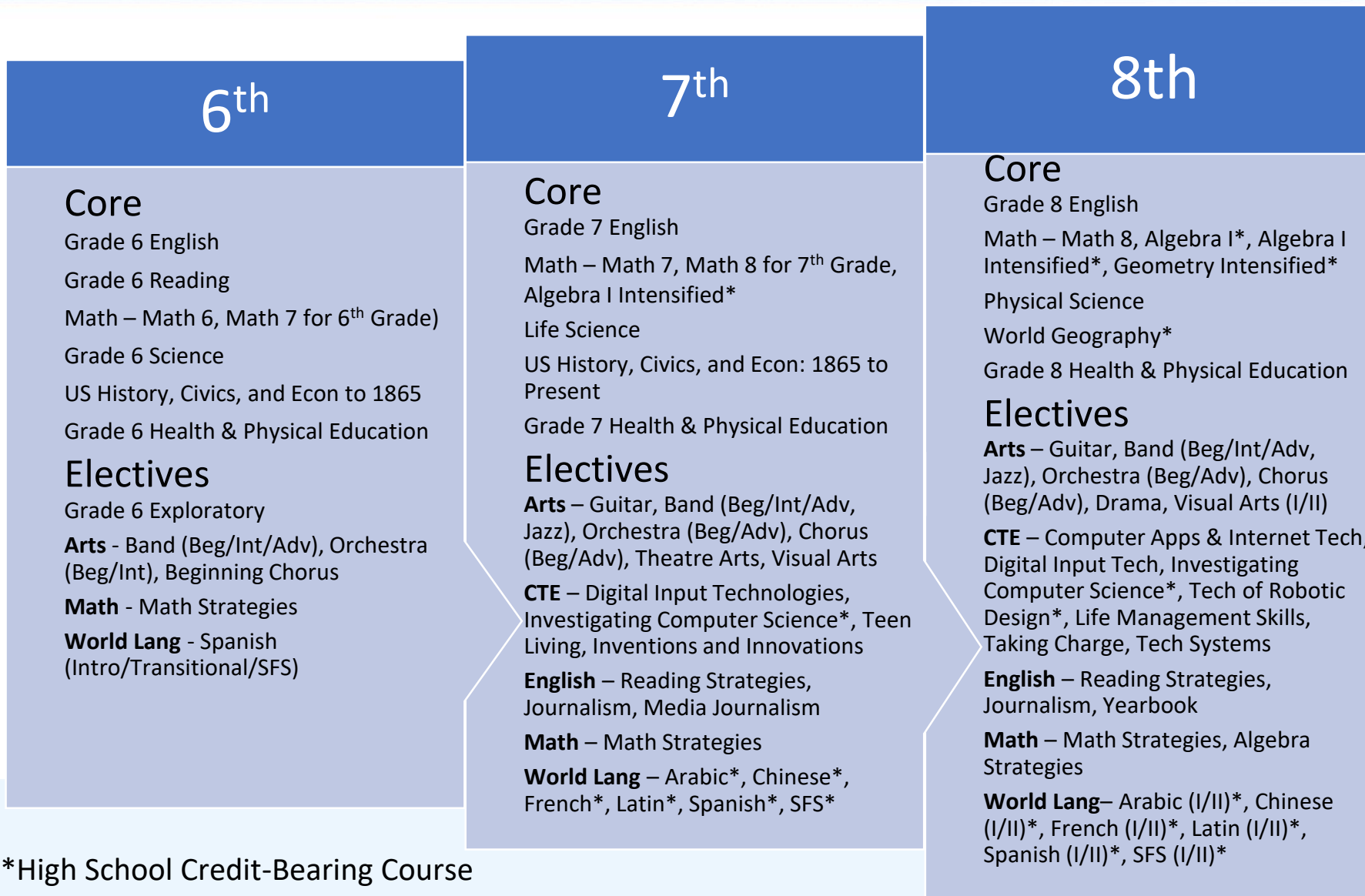
## April

- Middle school orientations

\*Timeline is subject to change



# Choosing Your Path: Scope & Sequence

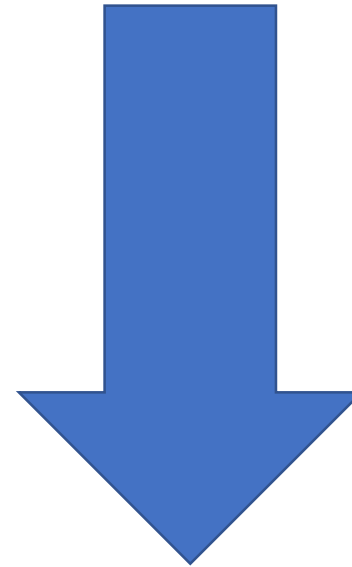




# Middle School Schedule

7:40 a.m. – First Bell

7:50 a.m. – Middle School Start Time



2:24 p.m. – Middle School Release





# Aspire2Excellence

A wealth of resources for families to navigate the PreK-12 experience:

- The A2E Roadmap: A planning tool
- Student Companion Guides: Grades Pre-K- 2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Videos
- Diploma requirements
- Glossary of terms
- College & career resources



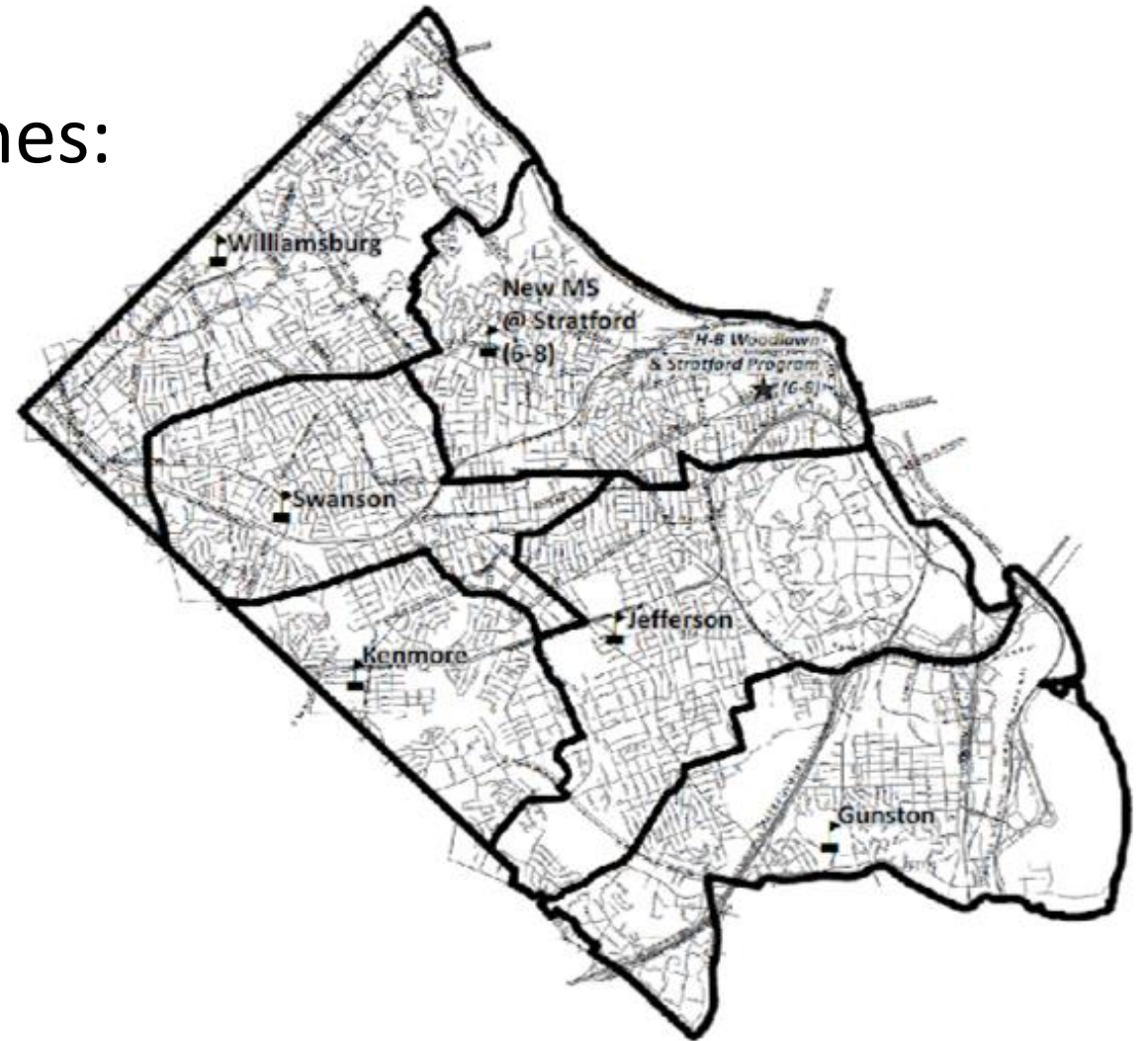
***[www.apsva.us/academicplanning](http://www.apsva.us/academicplanning)***



# Neighborhood Schools

## Six Neighborhood Middle School Zones:

1. Gunston
2. Jefferson
3. Kenmore
4. New Middle School
5. Swanson
6. Williamsburg





# Neighborhood Transfers

*Every student is guaranteed admission to the middle school serving the attendance area in which the student resides and neighborhood transfers are available “to the extent possible given financial constraints and capacity limits.”*

- For SY 2019-20, neighborhood transfers may be available to all middle schools – Families can apply now to request a transfer
- APS will announce the number of neighborhood transfers available on Jan. 10, 2019 as a part of the Superintendent’s Enrollment Update
- Transfers will be based on Fall 2018 10-Year projections and school capacity
- For families whose school will change due to the Fall 2019 boundary changes but want to request their 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to remain at their current Middle School -- complete the Middle School Boundary Transfer Application.



# Option Schools/Programs

## Option Schools/Programs –

*Provide specialized instructional programs and equitable access is available to all APS students.*

- 1. H-B Woodlawn**
- 2. Gunston Spanish Immersion\***
- 3. Gunston Middle Years Montessori\***

*\*Only students new to APS will need to complete the Secondary School Option Application.*



# Application Process Timeline

- **Online Application Form Dates:**
  - Opens: Nov. 5, 2018 at 8 a.m.
  - Transfer #s Announced: Jan. 10, 2019
  - Closes: Jan. 18, 2019 (4pm)
- **Lotteries to be held at the APS Welcome Center**
  - Jan. 29, 2019 (if needed)
- **Notifications to be sent on Feb. 5, 2019**
- **Families must Confirm/Decline**
  - By Feb. 22, 2019

*\*Waitlists no longer rollover from the previous year, so families have to reapply each year to be included in the lottery.*



# Options & Transfers Application Portal

- Families must create an account on the Online Application Portal to complete an option or transfer application.
- Accounts need either an email address or phone number.
- Families will be able to easily complete, update or change applications for all of their students.
- The application can be accessed using a PC, tablet, or smartphone.
- Families can select to receive their lottery notification via text, email or both.
- Families will be able to check their waitlist status through the Online Application Portal.



# School Information Sessions

## The School Board Timeframe to Apply:

Nov. 5, 2018 - Jan. 18, 2019

## School Information Sessions

Middle School	Daytime Sessions	Evening Sessions
Gunston	Nov. 14 – 9:30 a.m.	Jan. 15 (Sp.)/Jan. 24 (Eng.) – 7 p.m.
Jefferson	Nov. 14 – 8:30 a.m.	Jan. 10 – 7 p.m.
Kenmore	Nov. 14 – 10:30 a.m.	Jan. 15 – 7 p.m.
New Middle School	Nov. 14 – 1:00 p.m.	Jan. 10 – 7 p.m.
Swanson	Nov. 14 – 11:30 a.m.	Jan. 16 – 7pm
Williamsburg	Nov. 14 – 11:30 a.m.	Jan. 17 – 7pm
H-B Woodlawn	Nov. 14 – 2:30 p.m.	Dec. 11 – 7pm (for MS & HS)



# Immunizations for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Virginia Law:** vaccines needed for 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

- **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) booster – **provide proof before Tues., Sept. 3, 2019**
- **HPV\*** (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine is required for all girls entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade (3 doses).
  - Parents may opt out by not vaccinating
  - No letter or certification of “opt out” status is required

*\*Three doses of the HPV vaccine are also recommended for males.*





# Next - Information Tables

## Information Tables in the Main Hallway

- Options & Transfers Information: APS Welcome Center and School & Community Relations Staff – directly across from auditorium
- APS Aquatics
- Arlington Transportation Partners (*iRide & Transit*)
- Check-In (*After School – Extended Day*)
- Engage with APS! (*Middle School Boundaries & Other Initiatives*)
- Library Services
- Partnership for Children, Youth & Families
- Project Peace
- School Health
- Special Education Parent Resource Center



# Next—Individual School Sessions

## Individual School Presentations

**7:50–8:20 and 8:30–9:00**

School	Room
Gunston	1421
H-B Woodlawn	Auditorium
Kenmore	Little Theatre
Thomas Jefferson	1404
New Middle School	Library, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Swanson	1018
Williamsburg	Cafeteria



# Contact APS

For additional information  
or questions, please  
contact:

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