

IRVINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Grades K - 5
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School Year 2024-2025



Hello 5th grade students and families!

While it may be hard to believe, middle school will be here before we know it. As the school counselor for Irvington, one of my responsibilities is to help 5th graders get ready for middle school, and answer any questions students and families may have. One of the most frequently asked questions I receive is, ***"Can I go to any middle school I want to?"*** Just to clarify, a student is assigned to a neighborhood middle school based on their *primary address* in Synergy, regardless of what elementary school the student attends or which middle school that elementary school feeds into. [5th Grade MS Options Slides](#) (Shown to all 5th grade students)

If a student wants to look into attending a middle school other than their neighborhood middle school, students/families can apply online during the open enrollment timeframe. Please visit [PPS Moving to MS Info Website](#) for more information including dates of times of 6th grade information nights for 5th grade families.

Please check [here](#) for a list of *upcoming Open Houses* for the Middle School options.

TIMELINE

Fall 2024 - PPS will send each 5th grade family a letter indicating assigned school for 6th grade, transfer options and timelines

November 13-December 16: Application window for [lottery options](#)

November 25th: Irvington Parent/Guardian 5th Grade Family Night

On November 25th from 6:00-7:00 pm, we will host a VIRTUAL 5th grade Parent Information Night where you can learn more about middle school and the options that are available. In addition to discussing middle school options, we will also talk about how middle school is different and ways that parents and guardians can support the transition and much more. *The meeting will be recorded and the recording and slides will be shared with all families afterwards.*

Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions, especially regarding transitioning to middle school. I can be reached via email at **cblum@pps.net** or you can call or text at **971-231-5409**.

Kindly,

Carolyn Blum