



Hosford Middle School Mandarin Immersion Program Changes Parent Questions & Answers

Question	Answer
Transportation	
Our daughter is currently on a bus from 52nd and Knight with a hitcher request. We live outside Woodstock and Hosford boundaries. Will there still be a bus to Hosford from this location (with hitching allowed)?	The policy for DLI is that stops are added outside of a school's attendance boundary (but within the PPS district boundary) for native speaking students. Non-native speakers are able to hitch on these routes. Stops that are currently on DLI routes are likely to be rolled over to next year even with the new site.
Will buses be provided for Woodstock neighborhood students at Hosford for 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years?	Yes, it will be discontinued in the 2025-26 SY.
What consistently reliable transportation will be available from the Woodstock area to Harrison Park? If your answer regarding transportation is for kids to take a public bus, that would mean 11-year olds taking the 71 to the 9 bus alone, with a transfer outside of the Plaid Pantry at 52nd and Powell, which is frequently not a safe area. What is your advice on kids staying safe in this environment?	There will be a consistently scheduled school bus from the Woodstock area to Harrison Park. See DLI transportation policy above.
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Enrollment & Transfer	
If current 7th graders (next year's 8th graders) who reside in the Woodstock neighborhood leave the MIP, will they be permitted to stay at Hosford for their 8th grade year (final middle school year) without filing a hardship petition?	Students who wish to leave MIP, need to complete the enrollment and transfer hardship petition for transfer to a different program, including staying at Hosford. Petitions to the students 2023-24 neighborhood school will be guaranteed if received by December 16. All others are based on space availability and hardship factors, such as sibling status and family access to transportation.
Will younger siblings (currently 4th grade) have the option to attend Hosford / Cleveland if they leave the program or would they either have to stay in the Mandarin program at Harrison Park or attend their neighborhood school?	

If my child attends Harrison Park, are they allowed to compete in PIL for Cleveland or do they now compete in McDaniel group? We live in Hosford/Cleveland catchment currently.	Youth Athletic eligibility is based on the HS attendance area where the student lives OR the HS DLI program location for DLI students. Since the HS Chinese Immersion location remains Cleveland, students who attend Harrison Park Chinese Immersion can participate in Cleveland Youth Athletics.
Is there another current 7th incoming 8th grade class at Harrison to combine with. If not, is there a number of kids that must move to Harrison to have a class?	The Harrison Park program currently reaches sixth grade, so Hosford students will join with Harrison Park students for seventh grade next year. However, the entire eight grade will be made up of students who move from Hosford.
Will students who stay at Hosford (but who live outside the boundaries) still be able to attend Cleveland H.S.?	Students who do not live in the Cleveland neighborhood can request transfer into Cleveland during the MS/HS transfer cycle of their eighth grade year. Approval is based on space availability and hardship reasons.
Will these students who do not stay in immersion be able to take the 8th grade stamps language test to try to get HS language credit?	
What flexibility needs to be built into the MIP program to account for the numbers of students who withdraw from the MIP program due to the change from Hosford to Harrison Park?	
Why is PPS and its school board shifting non-white students out to parts of the city with the highest crime?	The SEGC looked closely at concentrations of native speakers. The Harrison Park neighborhood has a large number of native speakers and sits within the Jade District, a cultural hub for the Chinese community. This was factored into the decision to move the program to Harrison Park.
PPS has always said that kids can finish the school that they started attending up to the highest grade. If we are concerned about the major disruptions our kids have experienced over the last few years of a pandemic, can we be certain they can stay at Hosford if they choose to leave The MIP? After all the challenges socially and emotionally for these kids, our child would like to maintain the stability of Hosford school, where his friends and his older siblings attended. Will PPS honor this policy?	PPS staff does consider stability as one of many factors when reviewing hardship transfers. However, the standing district practice is to relocate all grades of a program at one time, and not phase-out a program change. A full move of the Chinese DLI program was recommended by PPS instructional leaders, citing the instructional challenges and potential negative impacts on student outcomes if staff and siblings have to be split to different schools, as well as the advantages of building a cohesive new

	community as quickly as possible. The Board approved a full move of Chinese Immersion from Hosford to Harrison Park for the 2023-24 school year.
What is the timeline for redistricting the high schools? Ie when will we know where our kids will go to HS?	There is no timeline set for the next phase of district-wide enrollment and program balancing. The HS phase will be planned after a new Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations is onboard. In the meantime, all current high school assignments remain. It is very unlikely that any assignment changes would begin before the start of the 2025-26 school year.
What High School will Harrison Park feed to?	Harrison Park eighth graders will be assigned to high schools based on their neighborhood elementary schools. Chinese DLI will continue at Cleveland HS, but a program may launch at McDaniel to serve students who live in the Harrison Park Elementary area.
What are the feeder schools for Harrison Park for next year? Where will the students attending be coming from?	Harrison Park feeder schools/programs: Atkinson ES Harrison Park (Clark) ES Harrison Park (Clark) Chinese DLI Vestal ES Woodstock Chinese DLI
How many students at Harrison Park will be new students like the kids coming from Hosford MIP, how many will be returning students who have already been attending HP?	Next year, most sixth grade students will be new to Harrison Park, because the program and boundary change will impact that grade level. Seventh and eighth graders will be more evenly composed of existing and new students.
If kids are not guaranteed to be able to stay at Hosford if they stop the MIP, what if they left the program now, would they then be able to stay?	Students who are enrolled in Hosford but not in the Chinese DIL program will be allowed to remain at Hosford through eighth grade.
If our son returns to his neighborhood school for the remainder of his middle school experience, will he be able to rejoin the MIP program at HS? If so, will there be a proficiency test required for him to return?	Students seeking transfer into a HS DLI program need to apply through the petition process. Approval is based on space availability and successful completion of a language assessment test.
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Harrison Park	

What electives does Harrison park offer?	This year we offer modern band, AVID, Tech Team, art, Finance/Entrepreneurship, Dance, PE/Health (required) and Leadership. With additional middle school students next year we plan to add Theater as well as additional electives. We also offer intervention classes who need additional academic support.
How do you plan to keep kids safe on campus, given growing safety concerns along Powell?	We currently have a Campus Safety Agent and 26+ cameras have been installed. Discussion with the facilities and contracting groups around fencing is taking place. We anticipate an additional Campus Safety Agent as we become a comprehensive middle school. We are quite a ways from Powell and much closer to Division and 82nd. We do work with nearby businesses and neighbors to identify any issues/problems in the vicinity around the school.
Will the counselors at Hosford have information regarding the scheduling/class offerings at Harrison Park MS?	A thorough forecasting process will take place in late spring to help students choose course offerings.
Is there band at Harrison Park?	We currently have a modern band. Again, this is something the planning principal, families and students can discuss. We are absolutely open to this as a possibility, but with only 225 middle school students in the past, this was not something of high interest to our students.
How many MIP students are currently in the 6th grade at HP and how many in the 5th grade at HP?	We have 9 students in 6th grade and 13 in 5th.
What percentage of the middle school MIP students' day-to-day education agenda will be in mandarin? Will the students have one class a day in mandarin, or half of their day in mandarin?	Since we are currently running a 6 period day our MI students receive instruction in Mandarin for Social Studies and a Language Arts period. They also are enrolled in an English Language Arts class. This model was put together based on current practices around the district. Our MI students take one quarter of PE and health and then have the option to take a half year elective of their choice. In 6th grade students have an elective wheel that includes Dance and AVID. It should be noted we are strongly suggesting we adopt a 7 period day to allow for more elective and intervention options for all students.

How many total students are projected to be at the HP MIP next year for 6th, 7th and 8th grade?	Please see above. We do not have any students who will be 8th graders next year.
Could the Hosford MIP students have a tour of the HP campus before November so that they can opt out of the MIP program.	We would absolutely be willing to hold a time for tours. It should be noted that we had some upgrades over this past summer and more major remodeling will be taking place this summer and the following summer.
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Hosford	
Will Chinese language be offered at Hosford after the MIP moves so they can take the STAMP test?	No, we will not be able to offer Mandarin classes after the program leaves.
Is there any possibility that current 7th grade MIP students will be able to complete their middle school experience through 8th grade at Hosford AND have at least two classes taught in Mandarin?	No, we will not have the teaching staff to offer two classes in Mandarin.
Will Kojo and Ms. Bee teach at Harrison Park?	Most likely.
I was wondering if there was going to be any discussion of the possibility of the 8th grade China trip this year.	Kojo has completed the application for the Capstone China Trip and submitted it for approval. We do not know the likelihood of approval.