



# Empowering Families through Kindergarten Transition

October 27, 2022  
10:00–11:30 a.m.



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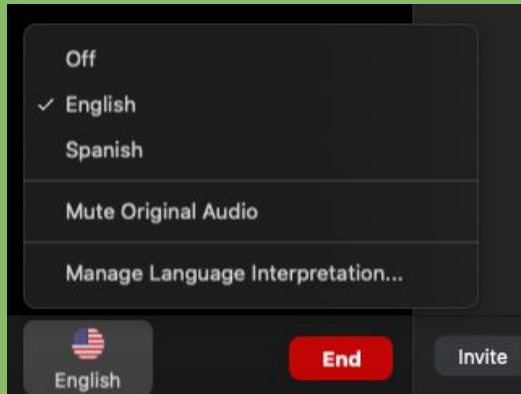
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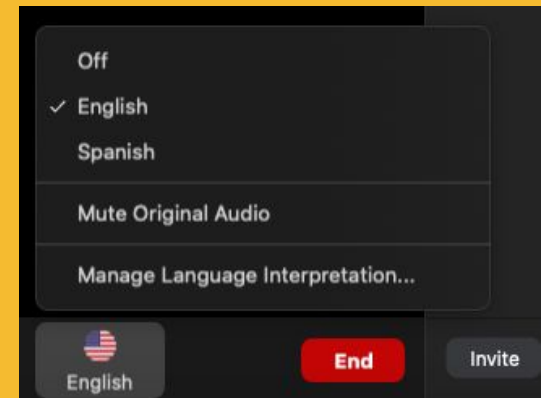
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# Welcome and Introductions

Today's session has been made possible through the collaboration between:

- Child Care Aware
- Jefferson County Public Schools
- La Casita
- Play Cousins Collective
- Metro United Way
- The National Center for Families Learning
- Ready for K Family and Caregiver Action Network



# Poll: Who's Here?

In what field do you work?

- Child care
- Arts and cultural partners
- Healthcare
- K–12 education
- Governments
- Other



# Today's Agenda

- Welcome
- Countdown to Kindergarten Calendars
- JCPS Enrollment Process
- MUW Update
- Where to Find the Information
- Questions
- Feedback Form

# Statement of Purpose

This is important work because it...

- highlights co-design as a collaborative process.
- helps families navigate kindergarten transition.
- creates consistent community messaging.



# Countdown to Kindergarten Calendars

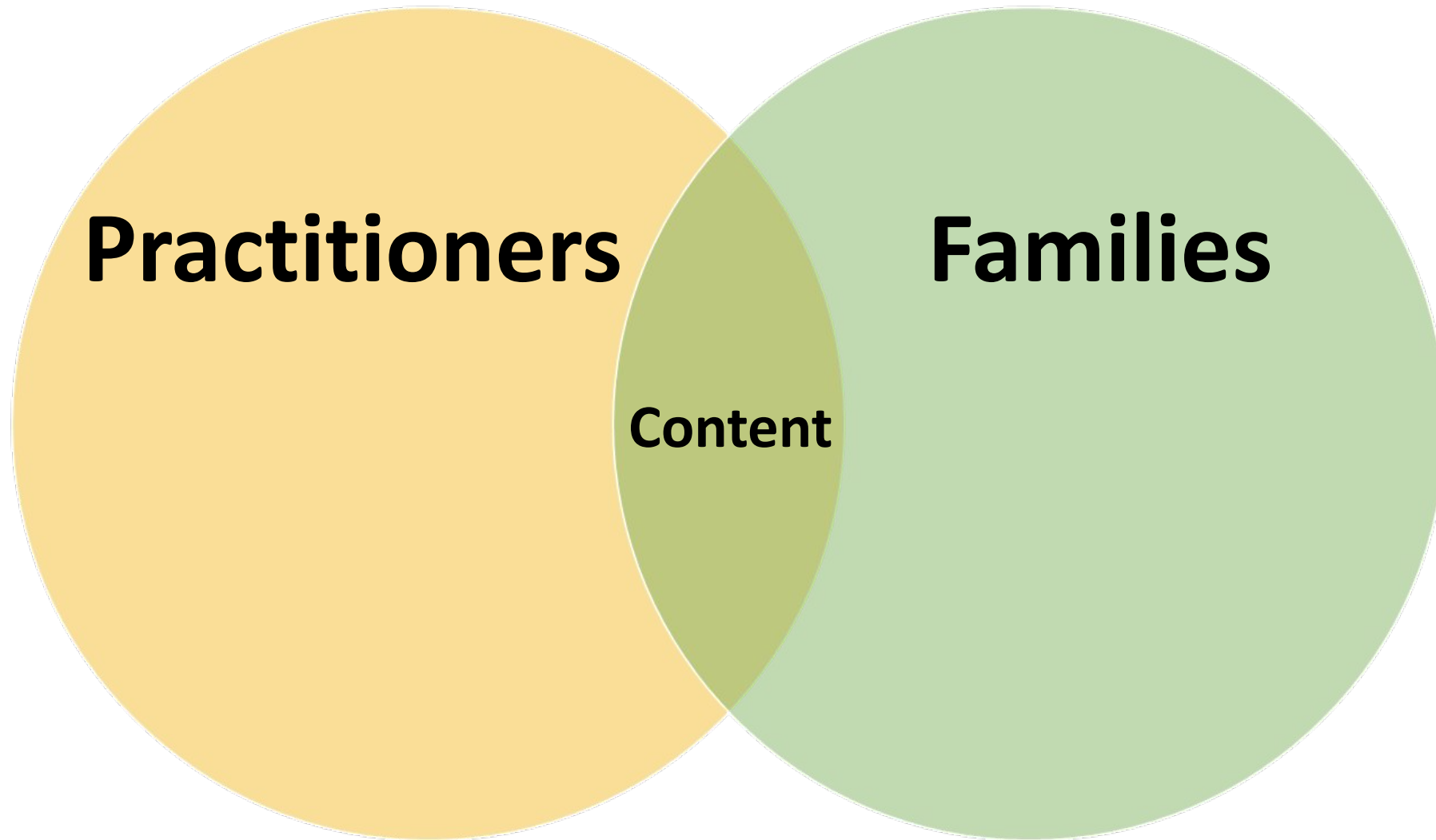
# Purpose



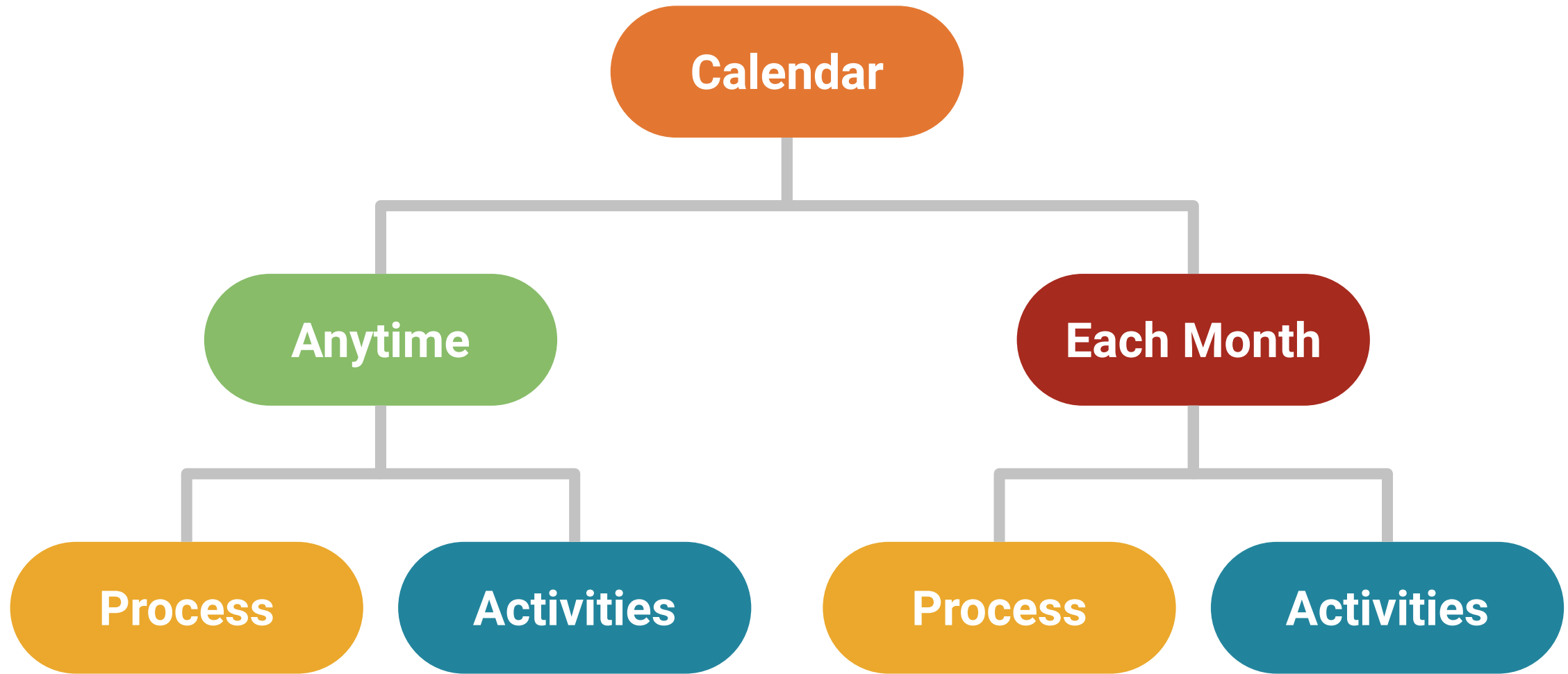
- Provide guidance for families across the community as they transition to kindergarten.
- Provide information about kindergarten transition to community practitioners.
- Create consistency in messaging about kindergarten transition across the Louisville community.



# Audience



# Content



# Color-Coding

## ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT TRANSITION AT ANYTIME

3-5 Years

3 to 5 Years

- Encourage families to enroll their children in Metro United Way's Ages and Stages Questionnaire Hub. Families can use this free developmental screening program anytime between
- Model for families how to talk with their children about books. Ask questions such as "What are they doing?" or "Where are they?" to encourage children to not just listen to the story.

Year Prior

Year Prior to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Transition Process

- Find out children's ages and help families determine when their children will be eligible for kindergarten. In Kentucky, children must turn five by August 1 to enroll for that school year. If children turn five between August 2 and October 1, ICPS families can
- If families have concerns about their child's development and are not receiving services, through programs such as First Steps or JCPS Early Childhood, they may need assistance in accessing support. Additionally, families may need help in connecting with

Process

# Let's Take a Look!

November and December are important months for families with children transitioning to kindergarten.

- What do you see on the calendar that supports this statement?
- What piece of information might you share with families based on this calendar?



## Year Prior to Kindergarten

- Talk to your child about words and letters they see around them. Start with the letters in your child's name. Then keep adding new letters a few at a time. Talking about letters and words helps children learn that these symbols carry messages: [Uses Scribbling and Drawing to Express Ideas Family Activity](#).

## Kindergarten Transition Process

- Most schools have open houses or offer tours. You can see the school and meet staff. This is a great way to learn more about your school choices. Call the school to ask about open houses and tours. JCPS has a [list of events](#) for families interested in their schools. Families can request interpreters for JCPS events.
- If you are choosing JCPS, your family can apply in November. Applying is when you select your top school choices for your child. Make sure to do this by December, so your child has the best chance to attend schools that are a good fit for them.

# Translations

The Countdown to Kindergarten Calendars are currently available in English.

In the coming weeks, the Family Engagement Calendar will be translated:

- Spanish
- Swahili
- Nepali
- Somali
- Arabic
- French
- Kinyarwanda



# Call to Action



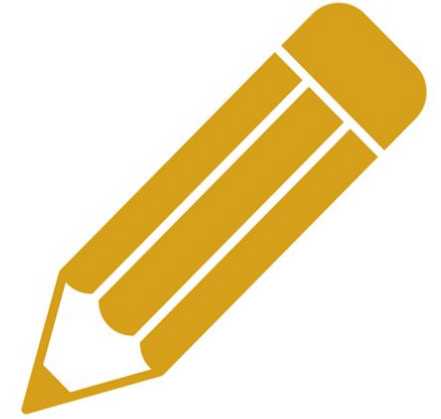
You can...

- Interact with parenting adults and families
- Raise awareness with partners and staff
- Share in newsletters and communications
- Highlight on social media



# Interactions with Parenting Adults

**Scenario:** At pick-up, a childcare provider has the opportunity to talk with a parenting adult about the month's family activities.



**Consider Doing:** Teach children in your care to write their names using different writing materials like highlighters, pencils, markers, and crayons.

**Consider Saying:** We have been working with your child on writing their name. During family time, your child can practice writing their name on gift tags or cards. You can write their name with a yellow highlighter and have them trace it with a pencil. Would you be willing to try this out in the next few weeks?

**Consider Sharing:** December's Family Calendar

# Partner and Staff Training



**Scenario:** Your team may come into contact with families of upcoming kindergarteners.

**Consider Doing:** Share the Practitioner and Family calendars with your team.

**Consider Saying:** During a staff meeting or email, ask, “We know enrollment has started for JCPS. Let’s brainstorm how we can use the information in the calendars in our contact with families. What can we say to families who come into contact with us?”

**Consider Sharing:** The touchpoints your team generates and the current month’s Family Calendar.



# Newsletters and Communications



**Scenario:** Your team creates a regular newsletter to share with families and partners.

**Consider Doing:** Use the family calendar to generate content for your communication.

**Consider Saying:** Cut and paste the information for the current month. Consider using icons or a callout box to catch families' attention.

**Consider Sharing:** Share the newsletter your team created with families and partners. The more people you share with, the better!

# Social Media

**Scenario:** Your team uses a social media account to connect with families and partners.



**Consider Doing:** Use the calendars to create posts from individual bullet points. Consider creating and scheduling multiple posts each month.

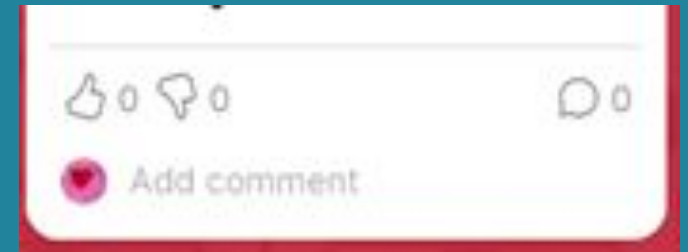
**Consider Saying:** Cut and paste each bullet point and add links to the entire calendar. Add images to make your posts eye catching!

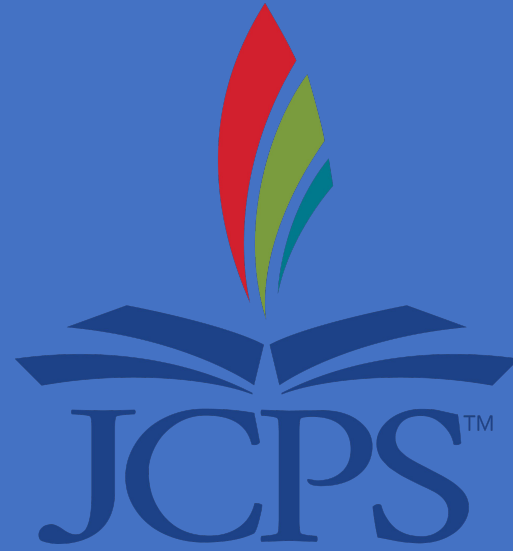
**Consider Sharing:** Share your social media posts using your program's social media handles. In your post, encourage families to interact by sharing photos of the activities they did together in the comments.

# Coming Soon: Communication Toolkit

- In previous conversations, group members identified a communication toolkit as a need.
- We need YOUR help!
- Scan the QR code on the right with your phone, or follow the link shared in the chat.
- Use the Padlet voting option to vote for your favorite hashtag to be included in the upcoming communication toolkit.

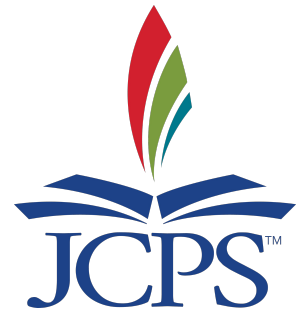
Scan here!





# JCPS Enrollment Information

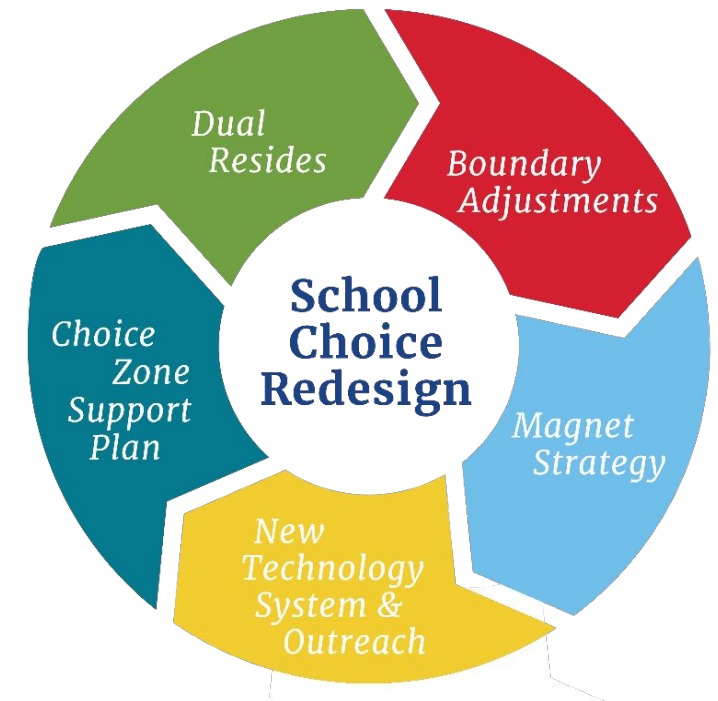
# JCPS School Choice Plan



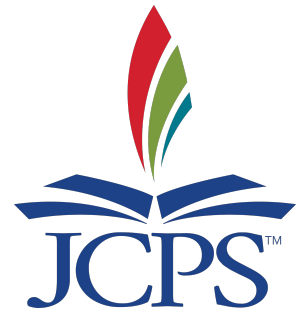
On June 1, 2022 a historical moment occurred when the JCPS Board approved the new School Choice Plan. With equity as its foundation, the new plan creates a transparent, trustworthy system that will build stronger trust and an improved experience for our students and families.

## JCPS Commitment:

- Guarantee a Dual Resides option for students in the Choice Zone
- Align feeder patterns for elementary, middle, and high school students
- Dedicate resourcing, funding, and support for the Choice Zone through the Choice Zone Support Plan
- Provide a new technology system and dedicated School Choice Outreach
- Implement a comprehensive magnet strategy that aligns with MSA and provides equitable access that leads to positive student outcomes

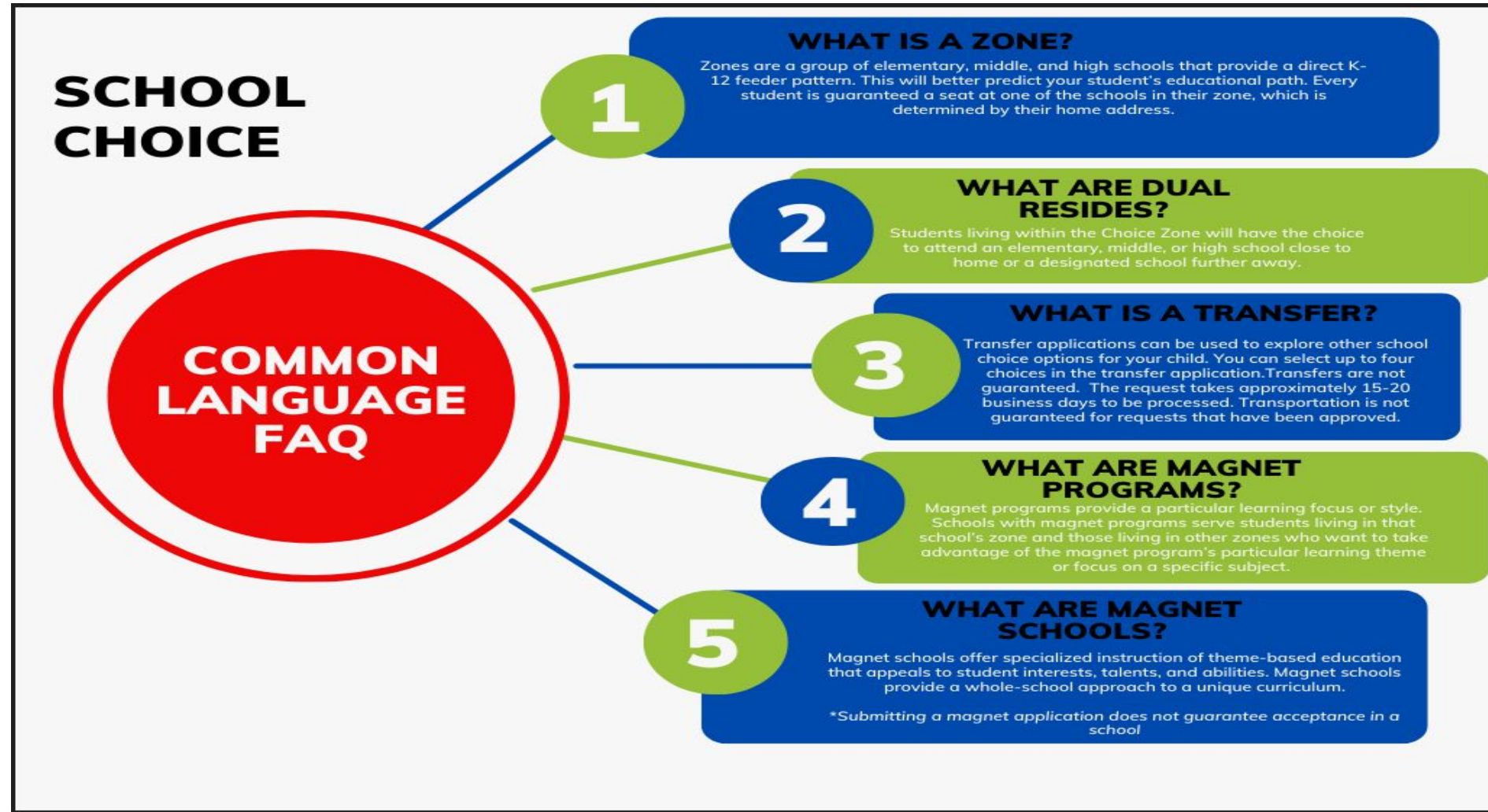
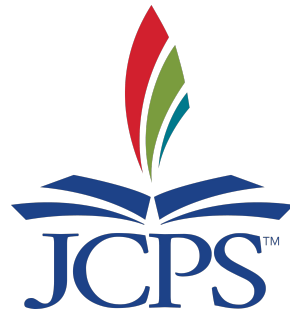


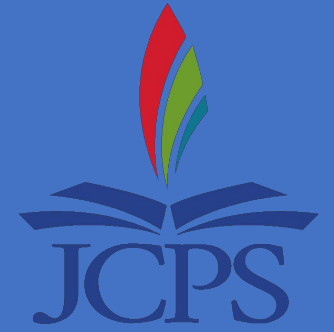
# How to find out about school choice programs?



- [Choices Book](#)
- Contact schools
- Website [www.jcpsky.net](http://www.jcpsky.net)
- [Open houses](#) (vary by school, may be virtual or in person)

# Common Language

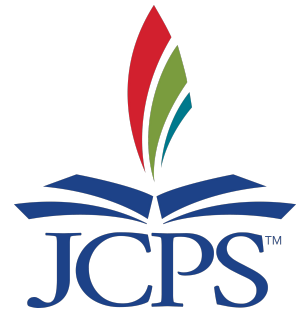




# School Zones Feeder Patterns Dual Resides



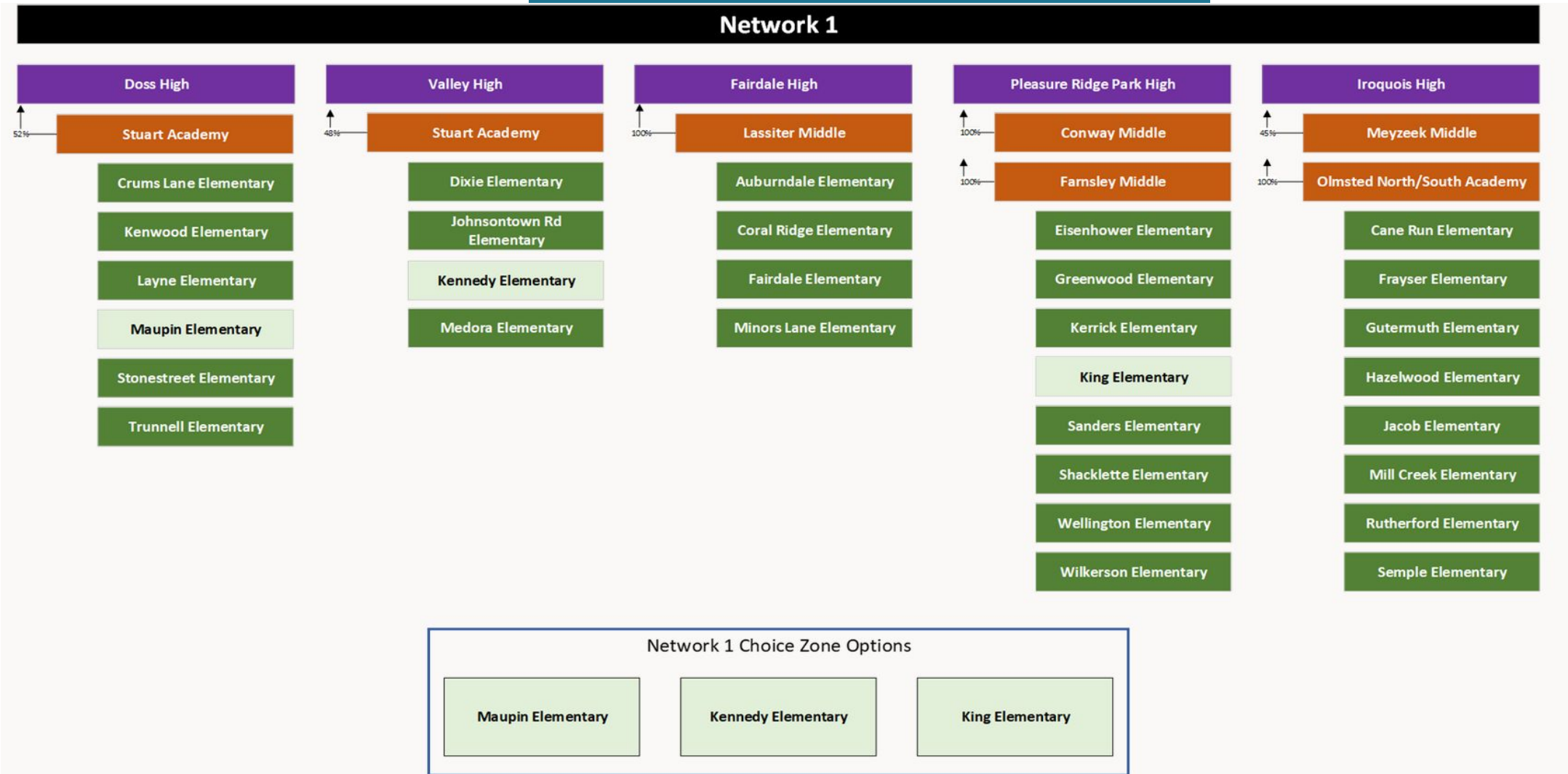
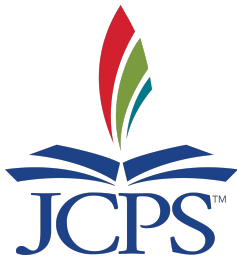
# School Zones



- A zone is a group of three to eight JCPS elementary schools located within a geographic area connected to a specific JCPS high school. This will better predict your student's educational path. JCPS guarantees every student a seat at a school in their zone, which is determined by their home address.
- Students living in the designated Choice Zone have 2 options: close to home school or a far away school determined by their address.
- Use School Finder on the JCPS Website [www.jcpsky.net](http://www.jcpsky.net) or call demographics at 485-3050

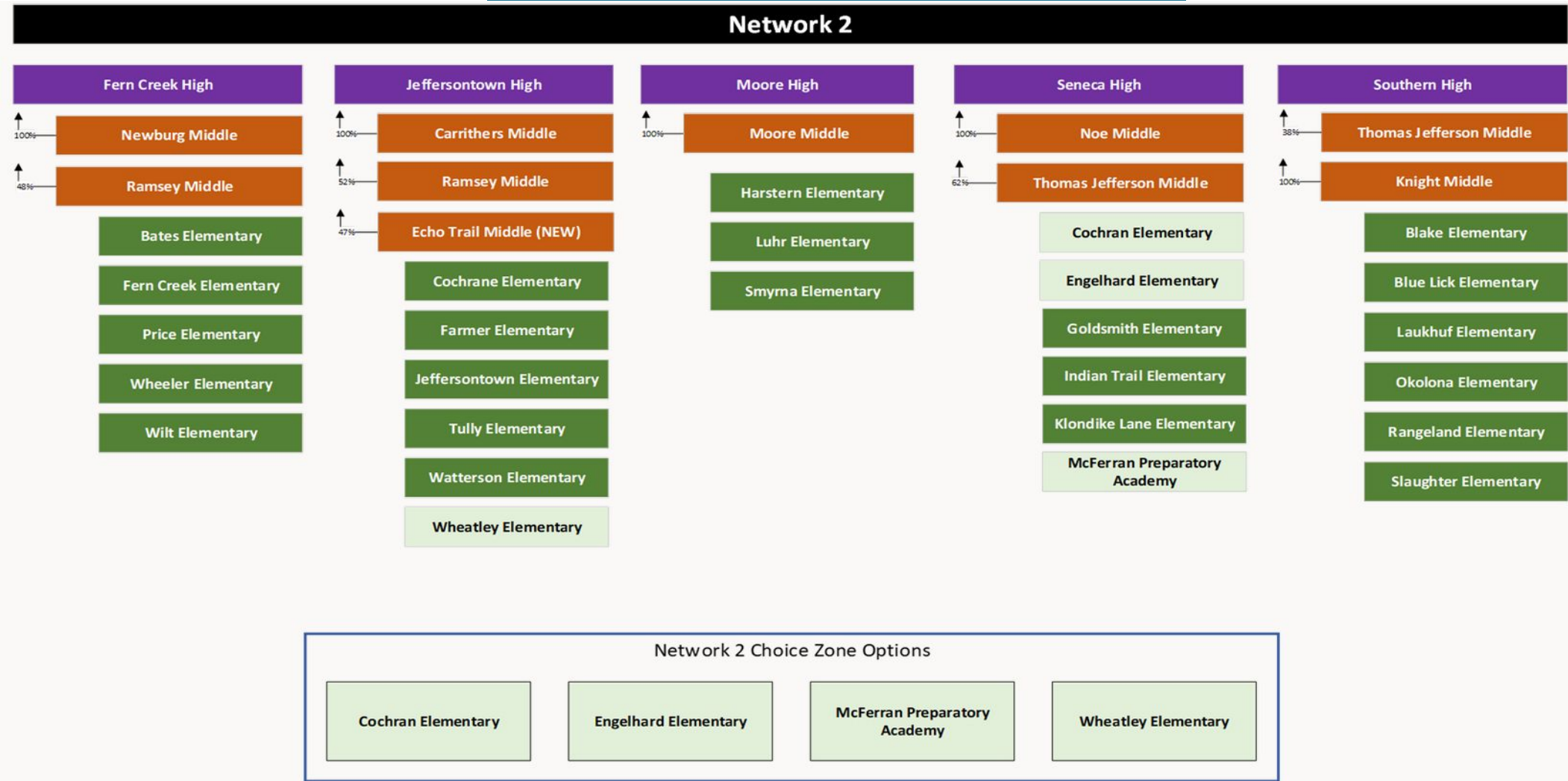
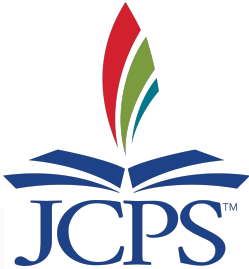
# Network 1

2023-2024



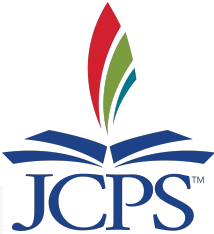
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2023-2024

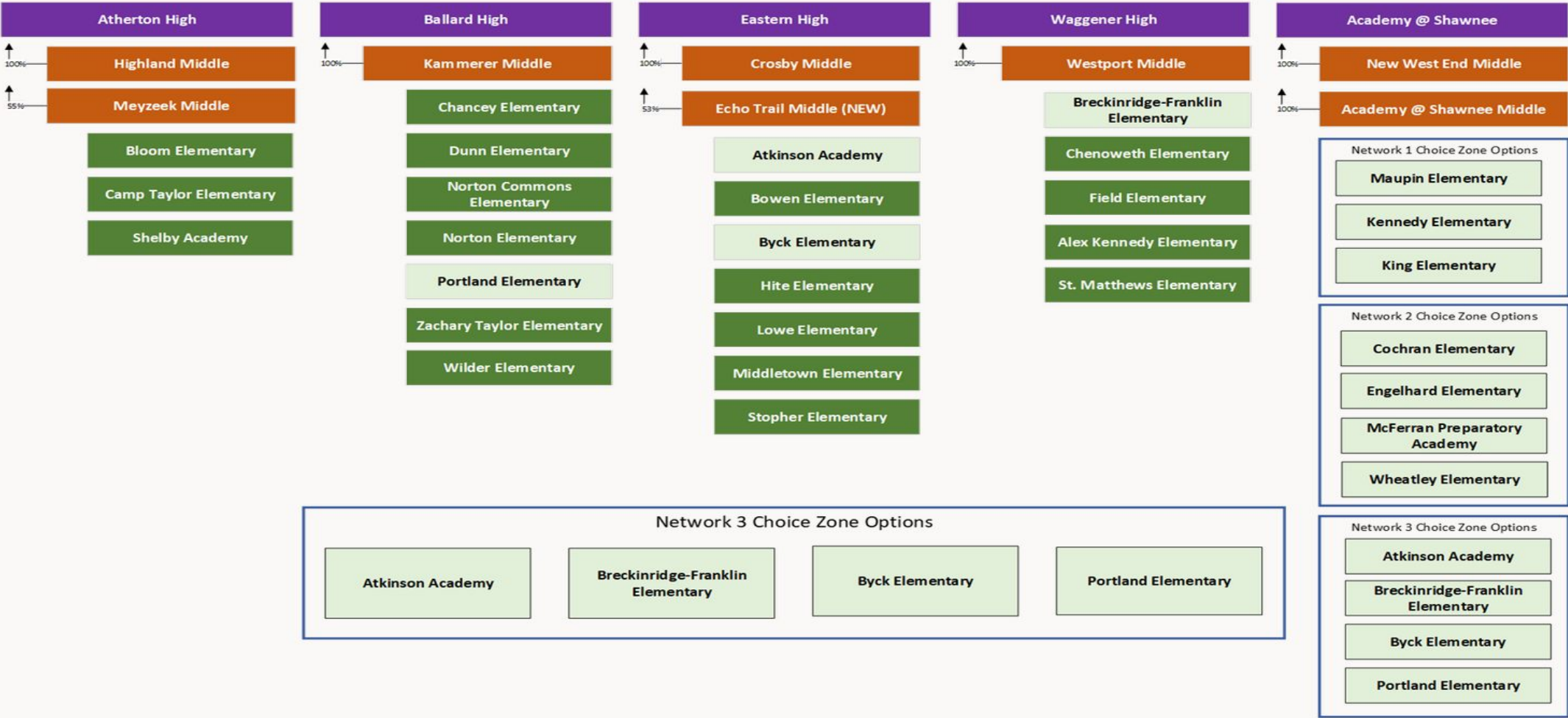


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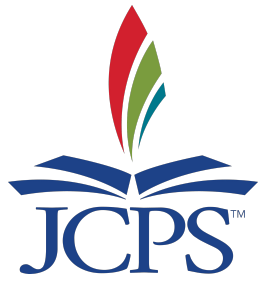
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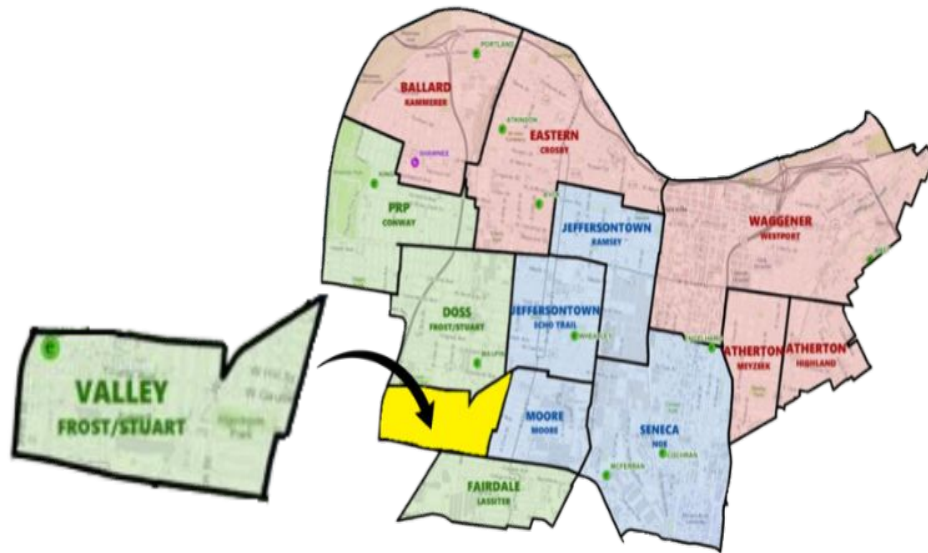
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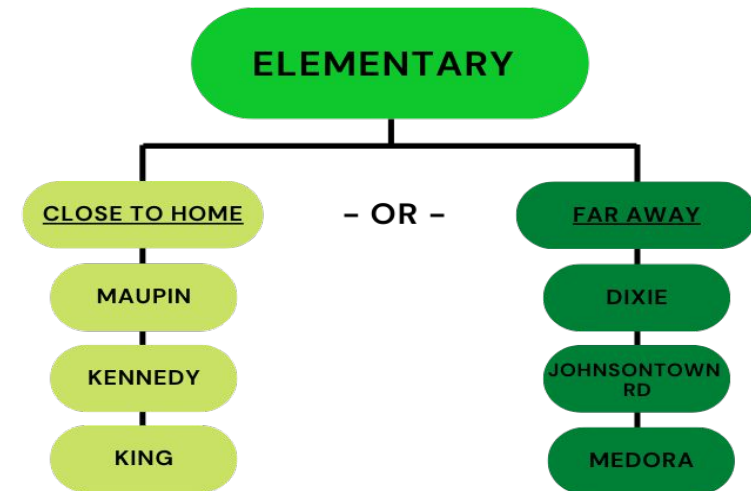
# Dual Resides: Choice Zone

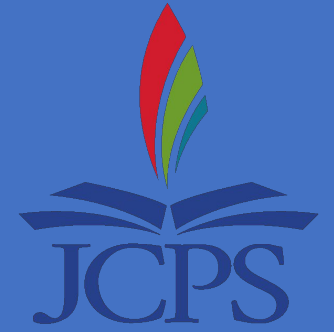


- Students living within the Choice Zone will have an option to choose a school close to home or one far away.
- Incoming kindergarten students must choose whether they want to attend the school close to home or far away.



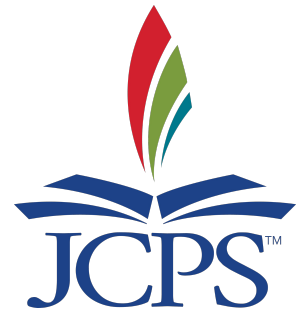
## VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ZONE EXAMPLE





# Magnet Schools and Magnet Programs

# What is a Magnet School?



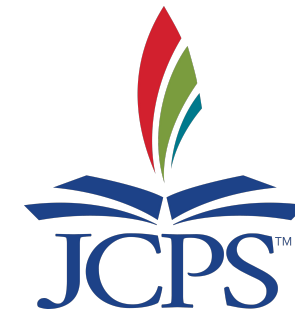
Magnet schools offer specialized instruction of theme-based education that appeals to student interest, talents and abilities. Magnet schools provide a whole-school approach to a unique curriculum.

## Elementary School Magnet Themes:

- Traditional
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM)
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Montessori
- Self-Directed
- International Baccalaureate
- Spanish Immersion



# Magnet Schools



## Brandeis

Science, Technology, Engineering,  
Arts & Mathematics (STEAM)



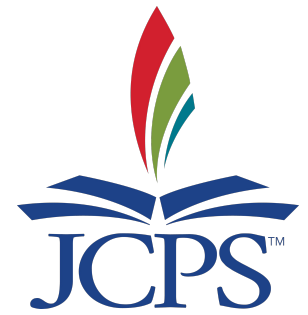
## Brown

Self Directed Learning





# Magnet Schools



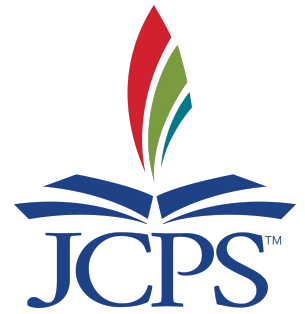
## Coleridge-Taylor Montessori



## Hawthorne Spanish Immersion



# Magnet Schools



## Lincoln

Visual & Performing Arts

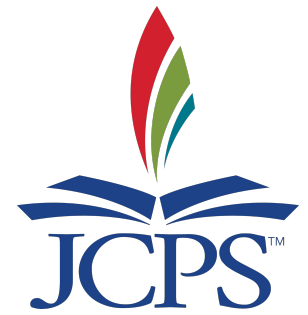


## Young

International Baccalaureate



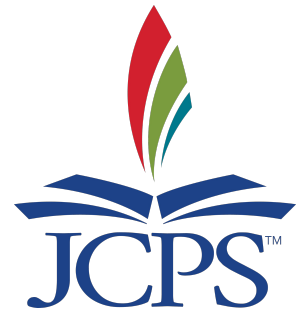
# Magnet Schools



Audubon, Carter, Foster, Greathouse  
and Schaffner Traditional



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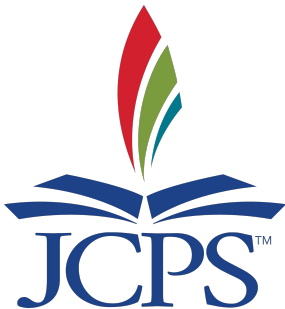
Magnet programs provide a particular learning focus or style. Schools with magnet programs serve students living in that school's zone and those living in other zones, who want to take advantage of the magnet program's particular learning theme or focus on a specific subject.

## Elementary School Magnet Program Themes:

- Talent Development
- Microsociety



# Magnet Schools

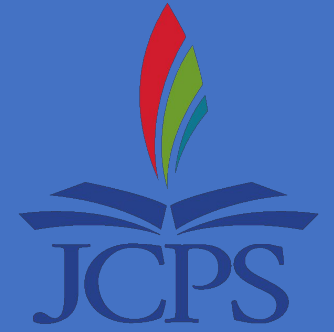


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Talent Development  
\*districtwide



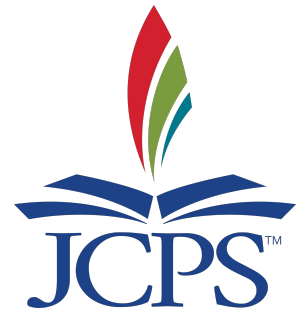
Indian Trail\*  
Microsociety  
\*available for student in the Moore, Seneca or  
Southern Zones





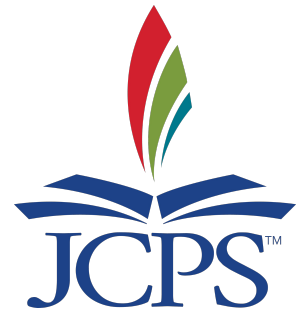
# Application Process

# Who Needs to Apply?



- ☐ Students who want to explore magnet schools and programs.
- ☐ Students who will be 5 on or before August 1 are eligible to apply for kindergarten.
- ☐ Only kindergarten students living in the Choice Zone will make a close to home or far away selection beginning in 2023-2024. Currently enrolled students will remain in their current schools.

# Complete an Application

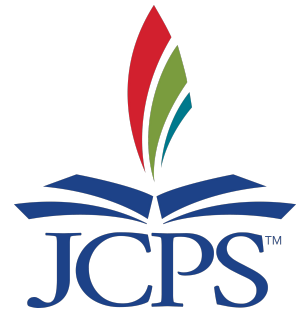


**November 1 to December 16, 2022**

- All applications received before the end of the initial application period receive the same consideration.
- Access the application from any computer or device with internet.
- After we verify proof of residence, families complete the application.
- Families can make 2 choices for magnet schools or magnet programs.

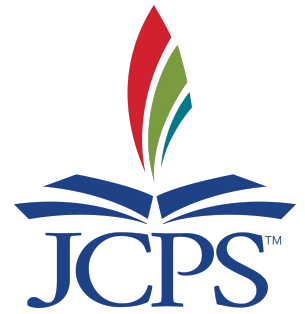


# Early Entrance Requirements



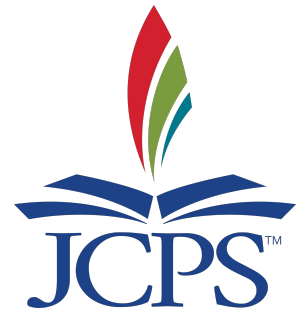
- Students who turn 5 years old between **August 2 and October 1** may be eligible to enroll in kindergarten provided the student meets the criteria set by the Board of Education.
- The online application to petition for early admission will be open between **November 1, 2022 and March 1, 2023** for those that feel their child has above average ability levels and wish to petition the district for early admission to kindergarten.
- Parent/guardian will complete the [online application](#) as the initial step for petitioning for early entrance to kindergarten. The student will then receive an appointment for the screening assessment.
- **The decision based on screening results is final. There is no appeal process.** If a child does not meet the criteria there will be no opportunities to rescreen or appeal the findings

# Complete an Application



**Apply here!**  
<https://jcpsky.net>

# *The Fine Print*



- No preference for siblings in magnet schools
- Falsifying information to gain entrance to a school will void your child's eligibility to attend that school.
- Waiting lists are not maintained from year to year.



For additional information,  
please contact the *Office of School Choice* at  
**502-485-6250** or email  
**JCPSSchoolChoice@jefferson.kyschools.us**

# Metro United Way Updates

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## ASQ®-3 and ASQ®:SE-2

### Virtual Comprehensive Training Seminars

Metro United Way is excited to announce virtual ASQ®-3 and ASQ®:SE-2 Comprehensive Seminars. During these seminars participants will learn how to:

- Use the ASQ®-3 or the ASQ®:SE-2 to screen young children (2 – 5 years old) for developmental delays
- Differentiate between screening and other assessment processes
- Share questionnaire results with families
- Refer children who are at risk for developmental delays to appropriate agencies
- Share information on resources for age-appropriate intervention strategies and activities to enhance development.

Each training will be a one-day, seven-hour, virtual training on the ASQ-3® OR the ASQ®-SE:2 and will provide an overview on how to use the screening tool.

**Seminar Dates:** ASQ®-3 – Saturday, November 12, 2022 ([Click here to register](#))

ASQ®:SE-2 – Saturday, February 18, 2022 ([Click here to register](#))

**Seminar Time:** 10:00am to 5:00pm





Open Daily!  
9:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Current Time!  
11:51 AM

Directions!  
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Covington, KY 40202  
(502) 569-8100  
4501 Highland Ave. Louisville, KY 40203

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## Sensory Friendly No Limits Family Nights

Our Sensory Friendly No Limits Family Nights offer interactive exploration for families of children with special needs in a sensory friendly environment. No matter the special need, there are no limitations when you're doing science! Each No Limits Family Night includes after hours admission, themed activities, a take-home element, and a supplemental activity card for continued learning.

[Subscribe to our newsletter](#) to learn about new family programs as they happen!



Suggested Ages: Pre-K to Grade 5

HO-HS-276  
Child \$20  
Adult \$15

HO-HS-276  
Child \$25  
Adult \$20

### DINO-MITE

Become a paleontologist while you explore Kentucky Science Center's world of fossils and dig for dinosaur bones.

[Details >](#)

October 23th

### SCIENCE & HEARTS

It's a lovely evening for an outing with your family to explore all things hearts.

[Details >](#)

February 11th

### SPRING INTO YOUR SENSES

Get ready to spring into using your five senses as you explore our sensory gardens.

[Details >](#)

April 12th



BECOME A MEMBER

DONATE

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PLAN  
your VISIT

TRAILS  
& MAPS

PROGRAMS  
AND EVENTS

LEARN

GET  
INVOLVED

[All Events](#)

### ColorFest

November 6 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm EST [Recurring Event \(See all\)](#)

Back after a two-year hiatus! ColorFest, Bernheim's annual fall festival is Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6.

ColorFest is two days of affordable family fun surrounded by the spectacular beauty of fall at Bernheim. We can't wait to welcome families back to enjoy crowd favorite activities like the corn pit, mud pie kitchen, pumpkin rolling, slingshot, nature games, and giant slides.

NEW this year, we will selling beer and wine.

Other highlights include live music, hands-on nature activities, unique local foods, and Kentucky art and craft vendors. ColorFest is from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Advance tickets (through November 4): Bernheim members \$10; non-member adults (ages 14+) \$13 per person; children (13 and under) free

Day-of tickets: Bernheim members \$12; non-member adults (ages 14+) \$15 per person; children (13 and under) free

[BUY SATURDAY \(11/5\) TICKETS](#)

[BUY SUNDAY \(11/6\) TICKETS](#)



ColorFest is a [My Big Little Adventure](#) event. Follow the signs for MBLA activities.



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS







The Children at Play Network has two remaining virtual play workshops in 2022. These workshops are open to anyone interested. Kentucky early learning professionals can get up to four hours of ECE-TRIS credit for attending both workshops. Registration for each workshop closes on the Wednesday preceding the Saturday workshop. There is a minimum threshold required for each workshop so please help spread the word or entice a colleague to sign up as well.

Individual membership in the Children at Play Network provides discounts on training workshops.

If you have questions, please contact Kim Tabler at [kim.tabler.capn@bernheim.org](mailto:kim.tabler.capn@bernheim.org)

**Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. What About the Babies? Using Loose Parts for Infants and Toddlers**

**Location:** Virtual, Zoom link provided day before event.

Register **HERE**

The benefits of loose parts play holds true for infants and toddlers, yet we rarely talk about how to offer loose parts safely to our youngest children. Join us as we discover the definition of loose parts, what to consider and how to use loose parts in your infant or toddler classroom, and how to turn loose parts play into a vital part of your play programming. Registration deadline for this training is Wednesday, November 9th. This workshop requires a minimum threshold of participants so please help us spread the word or get a friend to register along with you. This training is state-approved (KY) for two hours of ECE-TRIS professional development credit. Certificates of completion can be mailed to participants from outside of Kentucky at your request to assist you in self applying for professional development credit.

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**

**10 a.m.-12 p.m. What If They Don't Understand? Communicating with Parents and Caregivers**

**Location:** Virtual, Zoom link provided day before event.

Register **HERE**

Everyone has different knowledge of and experiences with play. One commonly defined barrier to offering valuable play experiences for children is hesitation on the part of well meaning adults that simply haven't been exposed to the value of play in the healthy development of children. Learning how to communicate about play value is the focus of this workshop. Participants will work together to develop methods and specific strategies for communicating the importance of play with parents and adult decision makers. We'll build a network of play advocates! Registration deadline for this training is Wednesday, December 7th. This workshop requires a minimum threshold of participants so please help us spread the word or get a friend to register along with you. This training is state-approved (KY) for two hours of ECE-TRIS professional development credit. Certificates of completion can be mailed to participants from outside of Kentucky at your request to assist you in self applying for professional development credit.



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OUR STORIES MATTER

## STEP INTO THE STORY

This 40 minute storybook program takes children's favorite books and brings them to life in a way that's as unique and exciting as the stories themselves. At these events, caregivers and little ones sit on the floor around the performers for a truly immersive theatre experience. Not only do viewers become part of the action, they're also encouraged to help tell the story through music, interaction, and LOTS of imagination!

[BUY TICKETS](#)

## STORYTELLERS 2022-23 SEASON

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 AT 10AM, 11:30AM AND 1PM**

*Theme: Halloween/ Fall Fest*

*That Monster on the Block by Sue Ganz-Schmitt\**

*Creepy Carrot By Aaron Reynolds*

*Bone Soup By Camberia Evans\**

*Performances at Lincoln Elementary, 930 E Main St. Louisville KY 40206*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 10AM, 11:30AM AND 1PM\***

November 19, 2022 Performances will be at KMAC Museum 715 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202

*Theme: Thankfulness*

*Thank You, Omu by Oge Mora\*^*

*Thankful By Eileen Spinelli\**

*The Thank You Book by Mo Willems*

The Public is invited to the KMAC Museum to vote for their "Fan Favorite" Storytellers' Books to be The Audience Picks for the March 18, 2023

November 19, 2022 Performances will be at KMAC Museum 715 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202



# Additional Resources/Events

- **Smoketown Family Wellness is hosting a trunk or treat this Thursday October 27th 5-7p on 760 S. Hancock Street.** For more information contact Ramaia Coleman at p: 502-242-7458 e: [rcoleman@smoketownwellness.org](mailto:rcoleman@smoketownwellness.org)
- **Norton is hosting a community baby shower Saturday November 12th 10am-1pm.** Tables are going to be set up for people to share their information or resources that are available to moms. For more information contact MicQuisha Bell at p: 502-407-4355 e: [micquisha.bell@nortonhealthcare.org](mailto:micquisha.bell@nortonhealthcare.org)
- **Play Cousins Collective is hosting a Fall Festival on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2-5p.** For more information see the Play Cousins newsletter or contact Zuri at [circletime@playcousinscollective.com](mailto:circletime@playcousinscollective.com).
- **Backside Learning will host a JCPS School Enrollment Session to assist Spanish speaking families with the school enrollment process. This event will be held on November 4th 12-2p at Beechmont Baptist Church.** For more information contact Backside Learning at (502) 634-6543.



**Neighborhood  
NEST**

**at Shawnee Library**

**3912 WEST BROADWAY • (502) 574-1722**

In collaboration with Louisville Public Health & Wellness's Center for Health Equity and Healthy Start, the Shawnee Library announces the opening of the Neighborhood Nest, a pregnancy and postpartum hub that provides FREE essential pregnancy, postpartum, infant, and early-childhood products to the community. Items available include: diapers, wipes, formula, feminine care products, and more.

**Saturday, November 5, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, November 10, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.**



# Wrap-Up

# Where to Find Information

- The Kindergarten Transition materials shared today, and other materials related to this work, will be available on the [Ready for K Alliance website](#).
- The recording from today's session will be available on the [Metro United Way YouTube channel](#).

# Mark Your Calendars!

Our next Countdown to Kindergarten session will be on Thursday, February 2.



# Questions?

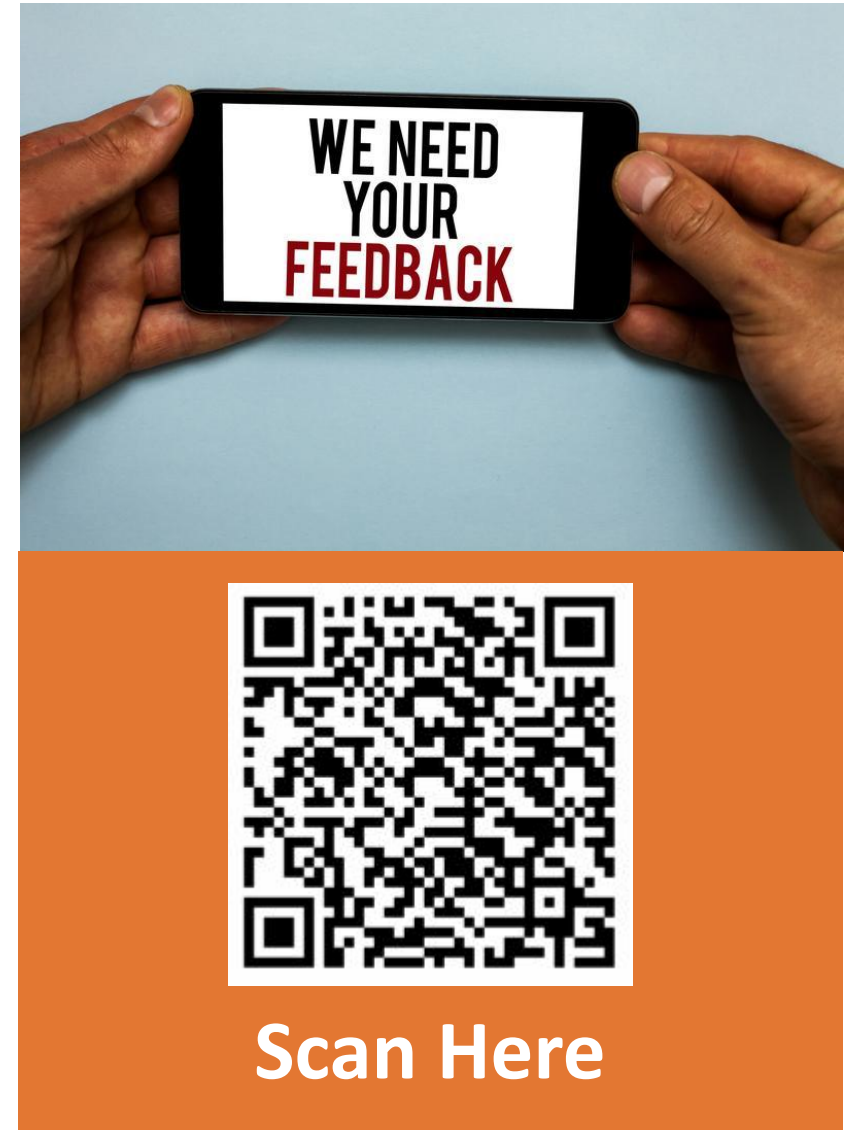


What questions might you have about the information presented today?



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