



### **Canon-McMillan School District Transition Plan**

#### **Pre-K to Kindergarten at the Elementary Schools** (South Central Elementary, First Street Elementary, Muse Elementary, Cecil Elementary, Borland Manor Elementary, Hills-Hendersonville Elementary, and Wylandville Elementary)

- The Director of Curriculum and Instruction routinely visits local pre-school staff and presents on Kindergarten readiness and expectations to parents.
- Kindergarten registration begins in March each year and is advertised earlier in local newspapers, community papers, kiosks, community library, townships and Early Intervention meetings
- The elementary schools host a day in May where the students who have registered are screened for Kindergarten at the elementary building where they will attend school.
- In August, the elementary buildings host Kindergarten Orientation for incoming students and their families. The students and their families are able to ride a school bus, meet their teacher, see their school, and listen to a presentation on information about the Kindergarten curriculum and general district information.
- Actively meet and communicate with Community Action SW and their Head Start programs.
- Head Start facilities share their data on exiting students each year with the district and data is disseminated to individual buildings

#### **Grade 4 to Grade 5 at the Intermediate Schools** (Cecil Intermediate School and North Strabane Intermediate School)

- The intermediate schools invite the 3rd and 4th graders to their chorus/band concert in the spring each year so they can become familiar with the intermediate school.
- The intermediate schools host move-up day for 4th graders in June. They take a tour of the building, meet the principal and staff, and are able to ask questions.
- The intermediate schools host an orientation in August for incoming 5th graders and their families. They are welcomed by the principal and teachers. The students visit their classrooms and the principal gives general information to families about the district and the intermediate school curriculum and daily expectations.

#### **Grade 6 to Grade 7 at the Canonsburg Middle School**

- The middle school counselors visit the 6th grade buildings in early spring to start discussing the middle school.
- The Canonsburg Middle School hosts a move-up day for students coming to the middle school in June each year.
- Canonsburg Middle School hosts an evening Parent Orientation meeting in late spring.
- The Canonsburg Middle School hosts an orientation for the incoming 7th graders. Students receive their schedules and are able to tour the building with their parent or guardian.

#### **Grade 8 to Grade 9 at the Canon-McMillan High School**

- CMHS Counselors visit the MS to discuss HS scheduling (early spring)
- CMHS hosts an evening Parent Orientation meeting (early spring)
- CMHS hosts an Eighth Grade Move-Up day (end of school year)
  - During the regular school day, Grade 8 students and teachers are bussed from CMS to CMHS
  - CMHS LEAD CM members mentor the students and take them on a tour of CMHS
- CMHS hosts a Grade 9 Orientation (August)
  - Students receive their schedules and tour the building
  - Before the start of school, students and parents/guardians are welcome to tour the building at any time

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