



Middle School Grade Configuration Meetings

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

FCPS will be engaging with you to determine your stance on the grade level arrangement at Glasgow, Holmes, and Poe Middle Schools.

More than 30 years ago, the School Board implemented a grade level change at these three schools, resulting in them adopting a Grades 6-8 arrangement. In April 1991, the School Board approved this model for all FCPS middle schools, but this change was never implemented across the rest of the school division.

Generally, [research shows](#) that the quality of instruction at a school is more important than the grade arrangement. However, recently, some parents have asked why these three schools use a Grade 6-8 model, while the rest of FCPS' middle schools house seventh and eighth grades only.

In February 2021, all members of the Fairfax County School Board agreed to [approve two follow-on motions](#) to evaluate the grade level arrangement of middle schools in the Mason District. As part of that evaluation, we invite you to attend one of the following meetings which will be hosted on the Zoom platform:

- Thursday, March 10, 6-7 p.m.: [Register now](#).
- Thursday, March 10, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Spanish): [Register now](#).
- Monday, March 14, 6-7 p.m.: [Register now](#).
- Monday, March 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m.: [Register now](#).

Please [visit our website](#) for more information, including details on language interpretation. You will also have an opportunity to take a survey about the middle school grade level arrangement later this month. Thank you.

Fairfax County Public School