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**1. *Is the program available for only rising 7th graders?***The program is designed primarily for rising 7th graders; however, new 8th graders are certainly welcome and will be grouped together. Please indicate your child’s grade level on the registration form.

**2. *How can I ensure that my child is registered?***If you follow the proper registration procedure, you will receive a confirmation email once your child is registered. Please allow three weeks for your registration and check to process. If you do not receive an email, please contact: Ted Loht at Tmloht@fcps.edu.

**3. *What does my $80 cover?***Your payment of $80 helps to provide appropriate staffing and materials for the program. In addition, a catered lunch from various local establishments will be provided each day. The lunch block is an important time that students get to socialize with each other and meet new friends. Lastly, students will receive a Thoreau t-shirt to start their middle school spirit wear collection!

**4. *Do I have to be a registered student of Thoreau Middle School to attend?*** Yes, students must be new 7th or 8th graders for the 2019-2020 school year to attend the program. Please see Jill Hendelman in the student services department to register your child.

**5.** ***What should I bring?***
Students don’t need to bring anything except a positive attitude! Pencils and folders will be provided each day.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

***“Success awaits you at Thoreau Middle School”***

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**Summer Program for Rising 7th Graders**

July 15th-19th

Or

July 29th-Aug. 2nd

**9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.**

Thoreau Middle School Administration

**Thoreau Middle School**

# Important Information:

**Who**: Rising 7th Graders

**What:** Thoreau Middle School: “Excellence in Action Summer Program

**Where**: Thoreau Middle School
 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna VA 22180

**When**: There are 2 sessions
**July 15th-19th**or **July 29th– August 2nd**

**How:** Simply fill out the registration form found on the Thoreau website: <http://www.fcps.edu/ThoreauMS/> and make your $80 payment by June 7th.
**Program Cost:** The cost of the program is $80. The registration fee will cover the instructional expenses plus lunch for your student and a Thoreau t-shirt. Payment must be made through the FCPS online payment site, **"My School Bucks .com"** in the School Store section of your child’s elementary school.
If you child did not attend a FCPS elementary school then a check made payable to “Thoreau Middle School” can be made and sent to the front office c/o **EIA program**.
Scholarships are available in cases of financial hardship.
**Transportation:** Parents are responsible for promptly transporting students to and from the program. Carpooling, walking, or biking is HIGHLY encouraged to reduce traffic at pick up and drop off. There will be a shuttle bus offered to and from Mosby Woods Elementary and Madison High School. Seats are limited so if you would like your child to ride this bus, please email Mr. Loht (tmloht@fcps.edu) to reserve a seat.
**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all five days of the program (though not required). Partial enrollment and payments will not be accepted. **Diet Restrictions:** A catered lunch from various local establishments will be provided each day. Students may bring in their own lunches based on their own specific dietary/medical needs. If you would like to provide more information regarding your child’s specific needs, please indicate it on the registration form.

You are about to embark on an exciting new experience. Middle school is an opportunity to grow, learn, and have fun! However, it is a big transition from elementary school. Today’s middle school students must be responsible, organized, and prepared. Thoreau staff wants to help you with this transition to ensure academic success and social success.

A smooth transition will enable students to progress successfully as well as meet new challenges. We are offering the Thoreau Middle School Excellence in Action Summer Program to help give students a “jump start” into middle school. After completing the program, students will have the tools necessary to be successful at Thoreau Middle School. They will meet fellow students, as well as teachers, who will help them begin the journey toward a successful middle school experience.

**Program Objectives**

1. Provide students with a working knowledge of school policies, personnel, and procedures.

2. Teach specific strategies to support student learning to include: organization, time management, test preparation, and communication skills.

3. Enhance self-esteem, encourage leadership, build student and teacher relationships.

4. Provide an opportunity for students to learn the school building, how to open lockers, and get a head start on curriculum.

**Health Information:**

If your child requires specific medical assistance, please include this information on the registration form. We might ask you to accompany them to registration if they require equipment or medications. There will be a school staff member registering prescriptions and medical devices in the front office on the first day.

**Enrollment:**

**Please register your child no later than Friday, June 7th, 2019**. Space is limited, so please register early!

**Curriculum**

Get the “inside scoop” on Middle School:

* School orientation
* Get to know your fellow 7th grade peers
* Core curriculum introductions (English, math, science, and history).
* Meet your future teachers
* School counseling overview
* Leadership opportunities
* Goal setting
* Organization and study skills
* Clubs and activities
* Communication skills
* Elective opportunities
* Thoreau scavenger hunt & trivia
* Classroom behavior and expectations

#### Welcome!