



**HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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**MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS 2018-19**

HPS is expanding middle school options for the 2018-19 school year as part of our vision of *a pathway for every student*. In this way, we are responding to community input and creating more options for students and families. A limited number of seats will be available to students who reside outside of the school zones that have been designated for each school.

<i>Middle School Option</i>	<i>Designated for:</i>	<i>A limited number of option seats by application are available for:</i>
<p><b>Personal Pathway Program (P3)</b> The Personal Pathway Program (P3) is a personalized learning program, where every student engages in project-based learning, masters a college and career preparatory curriculum at his/her own pace and is mentored by teachers to develop habits of success. The P3 program is located at the Peck School campus. Contact: Dr. Tiffani Curtis, Executive Director of Schools, <a href="mailto:tcurtis@hps.holyoke.ma.us">tcurtis@hps.holyoke.ma.us</a>, 413-534-2040</p>	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at Peck School	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders from Donahue, EN White, Kelly, McMahon, Morgan & Sullivan
<p><b>Veritas Prep Holyoke</b> Veritas Prep Holyoke is a college prep middle school, where our close-knit community sets high expectations for all students and provides daily tutoring and customized supports. Veritas Prep Holyoke will be located at the Peck School campus, yet operate as a separate school. Veritas will grow by one grade per year to eventually serve students in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Mr. Ratray, Principal, <a href="mailto:rratray@hps.holyoke.ma.us">rratray@hps.holyoke.ma.us</a>, 413-285-6332</p>	5 <sup>th</sup> graders at Kelly & Morgan and in the functional program at Peck	5 <sup>th</sup> graders from Donahue, EN White, McMahon, Peck & Sullivan
<p><b>Holyoke STEM Academy</b> Holyoke STEM Academy is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics school, where students engage in hands-on learning, such as coding and robotics, and develop strong problem solving and communication skills. STEM Academy is a potential pipeline into two of our science-themed linked learning academies at the high school. STEM Academy will be located at the Holyoke High School South Campus (currently Dean), yet operate as a separate school. Contact: Ms. KatieAnne DeMars, Principal, <a href="mailto:kdemars@hps.holyoke.ma.us">kdemars@hps.holyoke.ma.us</a>, 413-534-2083</p>	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at EN White & Morgan School	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders from Donahue, Kelly, McMahon, Peck & Sullivan

If accepted, **parents/guardians are responsible for transportation** and for ensuring students attend school **every day and on time**. All programs provide services and support for students who are English Learners or who have IEPs and 504 plans.

For Fall 2018, we anticipate 5-10 option seats available in each program. We hope to offer more seats in future years, but have limited availability for next school year as we build the programs. If interested in applying for an option seat in one of the middle school options for 2018-19, please follow these steps:

1. Review the information about what each middle school option offers and the grades and school zones designated for each. We encourage you to visit the Middle School Redesign page on our website: <https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/turnaround/msredesign/>. We encourage families to connect with the key point persons for each middle school option and ask questions about what is offered.
2. If you need to verify your school zone based on your residential address, visit: <http://hosting.tighebond.com/hps/>
3. Complete and submit the application by May 10, 2018, and return to the Student Enrollment & Family Empowerment Center at 57 Suffolk Street, First Floor Right, Holyoke, MA 01040 (in person or regular mail).
4. If we receive more applications by May 10<sup>th</sup> than seats available, a lottery will be conducted by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Assuming the student resides in Holyoke, preference will be given first to siblings of enrolled students. Additionally, up to 50% of seats per grade level per school are available to children of current employees, provided they reside in Holyoke and remain employed at the district through the duration of the student's time at the school. The rules for the lottery may change in future years. After that date, we will keep a waiting list.

The timeline for the application and notification process will be as follows:

<p><b>Application Period for Middle School Options</b></p> <p>Print applications should be submitted to the Student Enrollment &amp; Family Empowerment Center, 57 Suffolk Street, First Floor Right</p> <p>Families can choose to apply for up to two programs, indicating their first and second option.</p> <p>If a family misses the May 10<sup>th</sup> priority round deadline, they can still submit the application to be on the waiting list.</p>	<p>Priority Round: March 29th-May 10<sup>th</sup></p>
<p>If more applications are received than spaces available, a lottery will be conducted.</p>	<p>By May 18, 2018</p>
<p>Notifications of lottery results will be sent to families</p>	<p>By May 25, 2018</p>
<p>Deadline for families who received a notification to formally accept/deny the offer of an option seat in a middle school option</p>	<p>June 5, 2018</p>
<p>Notifications to families on the waiting list will be ongoing through the summer.</p>	

Any families in the designated school zones for the new middle schools that prefer to opt out of these options, would need to follow the [Zone Appeal process](#) to request a school assignment outside of their zone. Please note that students on zone appeals are not eligible for transportation, and parents are responsible to taking students to school on time every day.

The deadline to submit zone appeal applications is **July 13, 2018**, at 4 pm and decisions will be notified by **August 3, 2018**. After decisions are notified, the Student Enrollment Center staff will discuss school placement options with the family. A specific school request is not guaranteed due to capacity in particular grades and other considerations.



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**Application for Middle School Options for Out-of-Zone Students  
 2018-19 School Year**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name Middle Name

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number Apt / Suite City/State/ZIP

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools this child's sibling(s) attend next year (if applicable):

1. School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year \_\_\_\_\_
2. School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year \_\_\_\_\_
3. School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year \_\_\_\_\_

Is a parent/guardian a current Holyoke Public Schools employee (20+ hours/week)? No / Yes  
 If Yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

**MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS**

*There are three middle school programs in our district that are accepting applications from students that reside in other school zones\* to fill a limited number of seats. If accepted, parents/guardians are responsible for transportation and for ensuring students attend school on time every day. All programs provide services and support for students who are English Learners or who have IEPs and 504 plans.*

**You can apply to more than one program. Place #1 next to your top option and #2 next to your 2nd option, if applicable.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **P3- Personal Pathway Program.** Peck-Veritas Campus, 1916 Northampton Street  
 Applicants should be entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018-19 and reside outside of the Peck School zone. The Personal Pathway Program (P3) is a personalized learning program, where every student engages in project-based learning, masters a college and career preparatory curriculum at his/her own pace and is mentored by teachers to develop habits of success.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Veritas Prep Holyoke.** Peck-Veritas Campus, 1916 Northampton Street  
 Applicants should be entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018-19 and reside outside of the Morgan & Kelly school zones. Veritas Prep Holyoke is a college prep middle school, where our close-knit community sets high expectations for all students and provides daily tutoring and customized supports. Veritas Prep Holyoke will be located at the Peck School campus, yet operate as a separate school. Veritas will grow by one grade per year to eventually serve students in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Holyoke STEM Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).** Holyoke High South & STEM Campus, 1045 Main  
 Applicants should be entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018-19 and reside outside of the E.N. White & Morgan school zones. Holyoke STEM Academy is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics school, where students engage in hands-on learning, such as coding and robotics, and develop strong problem solving and communication skills. STEM Academy is a potential pipeline into two of our science-themed linked learning academies at the high school. STEM Academy will be located at the Holyoke High School South Campus (currently Dean), yet operate as a separate school.

**Why do you think the middle school option you are applying for is the best fit for your child?**

***I understand that, as a family applying to a middle school program outside of my child's zone, that I am responsible for getting my child to school on time every day and that transportation is my responsibility. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial to confirm***

**Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

\*To verify your current school zone based on where the student resides, please visit: <http://hosting.tighebond.com/hps/>

*For office use only:* Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ School Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Decision: \_\_\_\_\_