Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Is the program available for only rising 7th graders?
The program is designed primarily for rising 7th graders; however, new to Thoreau 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: Amanda Rollison at atrollison@fcps.edu.

3. What does my $100 cover?
Your payment of $100 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 to attend?
Yes, students must be new 7th or 8th graders for the 2015-2016 school year to attend the program. Please see Denise Schwandt 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.

“Success awaits you at Thoreau Middle School”

Thoreau Middle School Administration

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Thoreau Middle School
Excellence in Action

Summer Program for Rising 7th Graders
July 27-31
Or
August 17-21

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
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 personal, social, and academic 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, study strategies, 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.

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**Important Information:**

**Who:** Rising 7th Graders & New to Thoreau 8th Graders

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

**Where:** Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA 22181

**When:** There are 2 sessions

- July 27th-31st or August 17th-21st

**How:** Simply fill out the registration form found on the Thoreau website: [http://www.fcps.edu/ThoreauMS/](http://www.fcps.edu/ThoreauMS/). Please mail in the registration form and a $100 check made out to Thoreau Middle School by June 5th.

**Program Cost:** There is a fee of $100. Checks can be made payable to “Thoreau Middle School.” 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. We have limited seats on one shuttle bus that will depart from Cunningham Park Elementary. Please indicate on your registration form how your child will arrive and depart from the program.

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all five days of the program. 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.

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**Health Information:**

If your child requires specific medical assistance, please include this information on the registration form. 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 5, 2015. 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