



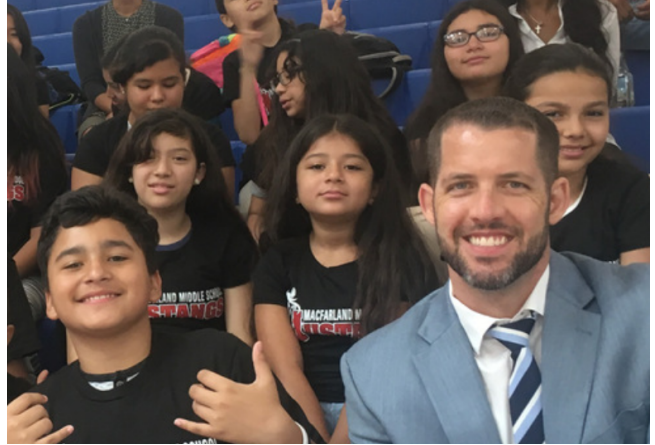
Greetings Families,

I am excited to reach out to you to introduce myself and the wonderful school that I lead – MacFarland Middle School. I used to be an Assistant Principal at Powell ES and Roosevelt HS. I have always loved serving the families and communities in Ward 4. I am honored to continue the important work of educating our children in this community at MacFarland.

In August 2016, MacFarland re-opened as a dual-language middle school. For the last two years, MacFarland has been the destination school for dual-language students for over 130 middle schoolers from across the city. Next year, we will continue to grow our Dual-Language program and we will welcome our first 6th grade comprehensive (non-dual language) class. I hope you will consider enrolling your 5th grader at MacFarland next year for 6th grade.

There are many reasons why you should consider MacFarland as your middle school choice for SY18-19:

- **College Preparation:** Through inquiry, exploration, and global studies, our team works to provide an exceptional educational program that will prepare students to excel in their educational pursuits in high school, college, and beyond.
- **Global Thinkers:** Through our global studies program, we strive to develop creative leaders who will be globally competent, compassionate, innovative, and focused on community. MacFarland Middle School students will leave 8th grade prepared to problem-solve and persevere in order to continue to carve out new paths in their local and global community.
- **Supporting the Whole Child:** We have a holistic teaching and learning program, with a focus on social emotional intelligence and community development that I want for your child to help them persist through high school and strive to attain their life mission and goals.



The MacFarland team of professional educators are ready to welcome your child into the MacFarland family where they will be loved, supported, and prepared to excel in high school and beyond. We hope you will decide to make MacFarland your middle school of choice for your student and family. The best way to learn about MacFarland is to come and meet my team and me in person. We will hold an **school tours on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am** during the months of February and March. The tours will be in the school located at 4400 Iowa Avenue NW. We hope you can make it! I also have included informational flyers with this letter – please feel free to share with your neighbors and friends. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at mark.sanders@dc.gov or 202-671-6033. I hope to see you!

Thank you – and Go Mustangs!

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Mark Sanders
Principal

Frequently Asked Questions about MacFarland Middle School from Families

Q: What is the timeline for the MacFarland Opening?

A: MacFarland Middle School is phasing in its dual-language program and its comprehensive program. The dual-language program opened with 6th grade in SY16-17 and will add 8th grade in SY18-19. The comprehensive program will also grow by grade each year starting with 6th grade in SY18-19. MacFarland will become a full 6th-8th grade middle school in School Year 2020-2021. As the MacFarland program grows, Truesdell EC, Raymond EC, and West EC will phase out their middle grades.

MacFarland Expansion Timeline			
	Next School Year	School Year 2019-2020	School Year 2020-2021
Grades served at MacFarland MS	6 th grade comprehensive, 6-8 th dual language	6-7 th grade comprehensive, 6-8 th dual language	6-8 th grade comprehensive and dual-language programs
Grades served at Raymond, Truesdell and West	PK3-5, 7-8 th	PK3-5 th and 8 th	PK3-5 th : Raymond, Truesdell and West become elementary schools

Q: What schools and programs feed into MacFarland?

A: As a middle school with both comprehensive and a dual-language programs, MacFarland has both geographic and programmatic feeder schools. Geographic feeder schools have rights to enroll in the MacFarland MS comprehensive program. Dual-language programmatic feeders have the right to enroll in the MacFarland MS dual-language program. The chart below provides additional details.

MacFarland Feeder Schools	
Schools that feed into the MacFarland dual language program (Programmatic Feeders)	Bancroft ES, Bruce-Monroe ES, Cleveland Dual Language, Marie Reed Dual Language, Powell Dual Language, and Tyler dual-language
Schools that feed into the MacFarland Comprehensive program (Geographic Feeders)	Barnard ES, Bruce-Monroe ES, Dorothy Height ES, Truesdell EC, Powell ES (dual-language program and English-only strands), Raymond EC, West EC

Q: How can I enroll my student? Do I need to apply through the lottery?

A: Based on your address, you have the right to attend MacFarland Middle School so all you need to do is submit completed enrollment forms to the school. No lottery application is needed!

If you know families out of the MacFarland boundary who want to enroll, then see below for the steps they should take

Out-of-Boundary Students Wanting to Enroll in the Comprehensive Middle School	Students Wanting to Enroll in the Dual-language Program who are not Already enrolled in a DCPS Dual-Language Elementary School
Submit a My School DC Lottery application by the PK3-8 grade deadline of Thursday, March 1 (11:59pm).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit a My School DC Lottery application by the PK3-8 grade deadline of Thursday, March 1 2. Applicants take a language proficiency exam. 3. Applicants that pass the language proficiency exam submit completed enrollment forms to the school.