

District Overview

The Colonial School District draws approximately 4,700 students from the Borough of Conshohocken, and the Townships of Plymouth and Whitemarsh in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, just northwest of Philadelphia, whose combined population is approximately 40,336. The majority of the population holds professional positions in business, education, law, medicine and technology.

Location

The District Office is located in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., in the heart of a thriving area served by major highways and public transportation. It is close to national historic sites and within easy travel distance to the New Jersey and Maryland shores, Pocono Mountains, New York City and Washington, D.C. The area is also convenient to several malls, including the King of Prussia Court and Plaza, which is recognized as one of the largest shopping malls on the East Coast. Many of Philadelphia's fine private country clubs, including the Philadelphia Cricket Club, Sunneybrook Golf Club, Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, Green Valley Country Club and Plymouth Country Club are within minutes of the district office. The Philadelphia area is also known nationally for the quality and breadth of its hospitals and is home to some of the country's best colleges and universities. Churches of all denominations can be found within the district.

Buildings

The Colonial School District encompasses seven school buildings, including four kindergarten through third grade schools, one for students in grades four and five, a middle school for students in grades six through eight, and Plymouth Whitemarsh High School for grades nine through 12. Each building provides clean, sizeable classrooms that are equipped with the latest technology and teaching aids. Each school has its own cafeteria to provide students and staff with hot and cold lunches. Colonial students also may attend the Central Montco Technical High School located in Plymouth Township.

Class Size/Enrollment

The average class size throughout the district is 19 to 22 students. The district provides transportation, through contracted providers, to and from school for the majority of students. (**Enrollment figures on back**).

Teachers/Staff

Teachers in the Colonial School District are seasoned professionals who care about their students. Eighty-five percent of Colonial educators have at least a master's degree and nearly half have more than 10 years of teaching experience. All Colonial teachers hold the appropriate state certifications and are considered "highly qualified," the highest designation possible under the No Child Left Behind Act. Colonial employs more than 700 staff members, including 374 teachers, 50 administrative staff, and nearly 300 support staff.

Central Registration

Registration for all students entering the Colonial School District is conducted through the Central Registration Office located in the District Administrative Offices in Colonial Elementary School. Call 610-834-1670, ext. 2150 for an appointment. By Colonial School District Board of Education policy, children entering kindergarten must be five years of age by September 15 of the new school year. In order to register your child you will need the following:

- A photo ID
- Child's Social Security Card
- Written proof of residency (deed or lease) within the CSD
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records

School Age Child Care

Montgomery Early Learning Centers (MELC), in conjunction with the Colonial School District, offer state licensed before and after school quality child care. To register, call 610-828-1785. Parents must fill out registration forms. A fee scale is provided. All information should be obtained from MELC. Visit their Web site at www.melc.org.

Colonial Foundation for Educational Innovation

The mission of the Colonial Foundation for Educational Innovation is to enhance the quality of education and educational opportunities and generate and distribute financial and other resources to and for the students of Colonial School District for enrichment programs and other projects.

Web Site

The Colonial School District Web site features a wide variety of information, including the district's strategic plan, enrollment figures, policies and codes, news updates, Board meeting agendas and minutes, directions to schools and links to individual school pages, administrator profiles, bus and event schedules, job openings, links for parents and alumni and much more. Please visit our Web site at www.colonialsd.org.

