

Newton County Theme School at Ficquett Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Newton County Theme School at Ficquett located? It is located at 2207 Williams Street, Covington, just behind the Newton County Board of Education building.

What grades will Newton County Theme School serve in the 2012-13 school year? The Theme School will serve students in kindergarten through 7th grades for the 2012-2013 school year.

When and where can I register my child for the Theme School for the 2012-13 school year? Registration will be held at Newton County Theme School. Registration is open from 8am-1pm every day that school is in session February 1-29, 2012. Entrance requirements and applications may be downloaded at www.newtoncountyschools.com.

What are the transportation options for the Theme School? You may drop off and pick up your child at the school or you may take advantage of the shuttle buses that will be provided by the Board of Education. Shuttles will be available in the morning and after school. There will be four shuttle stops: the old Walmart parking lot on Highway 278, Oxford Baptist Church, Denny Dobbs Park across from Oak Hill Elementary School and the bus parking lot next to Live Oak Elementary School. Theme School buses do not provide door to door service for students.

How many volunteer hours per year must I contribute to the Theme School? Each family must contribute 20 volunteer hours per year. For example, if you have three children at the Theme School, you will contribute 20 hours, NOT 60 hours.

Are siblings who apply to the Theme School automatically accepted? No, each child who applies must meet the entrance requirements. If every child in a family meets the entrance requirements, when one child is accepted then all of his or her siblings would be accepted. For example, three siblings (1st, 3rd, and 5th grades) apply for admission. All meet the entrance requirements. If any one of those children is accepted, then the other two are automatically accepted.

I have a child who is already enrolled at the Theme School. My rising kindergartener is applying for admission for next school year. Will my rising kindergartener automatically be accepted? Yes. All rising kindergarteners who have an older sibling at the Theme School will be automatically accepted. There are no entrance requirements for kindergarteners.

Will my child have a greater chance of acceptance if I register him early in the month of February? No. All applications received during the month of February 2012 will be given equal consideration.

Does the Theme School have a dress code? If so, what is it? Theme School students must adhere to a dress code. Copies of the dress code may be downloaded at www.newtoncountyschools.com.

Do I have to live in a certain attendance zone in order for my child to attend the Theme School? No. All students who live in Newton County are welcome to apply to the Theme School.

Do children who are currently enrolled at the Theme School have to apply for next year? No. Children who are currently enrolled and are academically eligible will automatically have a spot for next year if their parents turn in a Continuation Agreement and have fulfilled their contract agreements. All Continuation Agreements have to be turned in by February 29, 2012.

What happens if more children apply for a certain grade than there are seats available? A lottery will be held on March 9, 2012 if more children apply than can be accommodated. Acceptance letters will be mailed in mid-March 2012. A waiting list will be maintained in the order the names were drawn in the lottery to fill any seats that become available between March 9, 2012 and the beginning of school.

Will rising 6th and 7th graders have a different schedule than students in Kindergarten through 5th grade? No, everyone at the Theme School will follow the elementary school schedule.

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