
ORIENTATION FOR SIXTH GRADE FAMILIES

Magnet Middle School

Stamford, Connecticut

Students, families, and school staff collaborated to conduct an orientation to welcome incoming sixth grade families to their new school. All the sixth grade teachers, two parents, and two administrators brainstormed ideas for the orientation activity. The group decided on an evening question and answer session followed by dessert. Through two subsequent meetings, the group further narrowed the agenda for the evening.

After a general session in the auditorium discussing the school culture and community, the attendees divided into eight groups. A panel of students, parents, and teachers answered questions from the new families. The present eighth grade students shared their final projects with the audience. The seventh grade students discussed the community service program, and the sixth grade students answered questions about adjusting to middle school. Parents were available to answer any parent questions, and teachers discussed the curriculum. The PTP officers handled all the desserts and drinks, including setting up and cleaning up. Everyone excitedly helped to welcome the new sixth grade students and their families.

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