



Colchester School District

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Dear Future Kindergarten Families,

We are excited to get to know your child as a person and a learner over the course of their years in the Colchester School District. The district has two schools that serve students in grades K-2; Union Memorial School is located in the village and Porters Point School is in the bay. Both schools are nearly identical in their physical appearance as well as resources, staffing, and curriculum. Because the two schools are so similar, we pay close attention to enrollment levels to make sure that class sizes are also consistent.

Over the past few years, the district has been closely monitoring the growing enrollment at Union Memorial School. This lopsided growth is making class sizes larger at Union Memorial School than those at Porters Point School. A demographic study confirmed that this is not a temporary trend and projected that enrollment will continue to rise at Union Memorial School but remain level at Porters Point School.

It is our goal to make enrollment and subsequent class size between the two schools as equal as possible. Class size is an important factor in students' achievement and success, and we are making it a priority to ensure all enrolling kindergarteners are placed with a comparable number of students per classroom. While students generally attend the school located on the side of the town they live, students who live in the middle of town (streets on next page) are placed at the school with lower enrollment to ensure that we are able to balance our class size and resources. If the incoming kindergartener will have a current sibling at one of the schools, we will prioritize their placement together in the same school.

There are [many ways you can get your student excited about kindergarten](#) to help facilitate a smooth transition. Until placement is determined, we suggest talking about both schools equally. We encourage you to drive or walk by both schools, use the weekends to play on both playgrounds, and talk about each school's mascot (Porters Point is home to Pearson the Panda and Champ lives at Union Memorial!). You can even follow the schools on Instagram to see photos and videos throughout the year: @porters_point_school and @umschamps

For families who will be joining us next year, more information about registering your kindergartener will be available in early March. From all of us at Colchester School District, we are looking forward to meeting your child and welcoming your family to their school community.

Sincerely,

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Students living in the area of the streets listed below will be enrolled at the school with smaller class sizes. The district provides bus transportation to both schools.

- Acorn Lane
- Bay Ridge Estates
- Blakely Road
- Commerce Street
- East Lakeshore Drive
- Edgewood Drive
- Harvest Lane
- Hawkes Way
- Hercules Drive
- Hill Spring Lane
- Johanna's Lane
- Lone Birch Street
- Mountain View Drive
- Naomi's Way
- Oak Circle
- Perimeter Drive
- Poor Farm Road
- Rathe Road
- Rea Janet Drive
- Roosevelt Highway between Severance Corners and Hercules Dr
- Route 15 & St Michael's College Area: Dalton Dr, Johnson Ave, Ethan Allen Ave, Winchester Place
- Severance Green
- Sophie's Lane
- South Oak Circle
- Suncrest Terrace
- Sunderland Woods Road