



METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WARREN TOWNSHIP
975 North Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Parent Recommendation
Grade 8 (2017-18)
EXCEL Student Placement

Mail or email the completed application by May 31, 2017 to:

Please mail to: EXCEL
MSD of Warren Township
975 North Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219

OR

Email to: lsponsel@warren.k12.in.us



WARREN TOWNSHIP SECONDARY EXCEL PROGRAM

Procedures for Applicants for the EXCEL Program

1. Read the application carefully.
2. Complete the application and checklist by filling out **all** the information. Failure to do so may slow the processing of the application.
3. Mail or email the completed application by **May 31, 2017** to:

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MSD of Warren Township or email to: lsponsel@warren.k12.in.us
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4. Notification of acceptance or non-admission will be mailed to the home of all applicants.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Placement of students in grades 7 – 9 will occur **as openings become available**. If your child is selected, you will be notified immediately.
2. Students accepting placement in the EXCEL program are expected to remain in that program **for at least one school year**.
3. If at any time during the process a placement is **declined by a parent**, the **application is withdrawn**.
4. Applications for the EXCEL program remain on file in the Office of School Improvement for one year.

Criteria and Selection Process For Grade 8 2017-18

Mission Statement: *The EXCEL Program is designed to meet the unique academic and affective needs of highly talented students through a cooperative, enriched, and accelerated academic program where each person feels significant and appreciated.*

Students are identified and placed in a Talent Pool based on specific criteria.

Grades 8

Excel Identification

- NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) score 85% or higher in Language Arts, Reading or Math
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Recommendation

Note: A screening committee selects students from the ranked Talent Pool for entrance into the EXCEL Program based on rank order and space availability. Current 6th and 8th grade students are not guaranteed placement in 7th and 9th grade. All other students continue in the program, unless an exit conference occurs.



**Metropolitan School District of Warren Township
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**2017 – 2018 APPLICATION
GRADES 8 – EXCEL CLASSES**

PLEASE PRINT

Student's Full Name: _____ Current Grade Level _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

School Currently Attending: _____ School Student Will Attend Next School Year: _____

Race/Ethnicity: Alaskan Native/American Indian _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____

Asian/Pacific Islander _____ White _____ Multiracial _____

Mother _____ Father _____
First Last First Last

Child lives with: _____
First Last

Address: (number, street) _____

(city, state, zip) _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: (Mother) _____ (Father) _____

Please check subject area(s) applying for and supply current teacher's name:

SUBJECT AREA	CURRENT TEACHER
_____ Language Arts	_____
_____ Math	_____
_____ Science	_____
_____ Social Studies	_____

If not currently attending a Warren Township School please give the following information:

Address of school currently attending: _____

_____ City State Zip

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

EXCEL AGREEMENT

Creston Middle School, Raymond Park Middle School, Stonybrook Middle School, and Warren Central High School offer classes for high-ability students. Students are selected for the EXCEL classes based upon state and district criteria which may include achievement test scores, student ability, parent recommendation, and teacher recommendation.

Expectations of the EXCEL Program

- Students are challenged to grow in the academic and affective areas.
- Open communication provides parents with an understanding of their child's progress in the program. Parents are encouraged to be participants in the learning process.
- Curriculum is appropriately **accelerated** and **personalized** to meet the learning needs of the academically talented student.
- A safe and nurturing environment is provided for every student.

Expectations of the Students and Parents

- The curriculum in EXCEL is differentiated and faster-paced. Basic skills are mastered and deeper learning is emphasized. Students may work above grade level.
- EXCEL students are expected to complete challenging short and long-term projects both at home and at school.
- Homework is an expectation of EXCEL students.
- Parental support in and out of school is necessary for the successful educational development of the EXCEL student.
- Peer interactions and activities are age appropriate.
- A one-year commitment is expected.

In what ways do you feel the EXCEL program will appropriately meet your child's educational needs?

We have read and understood the special focus of the EXCEL program, and we agree to the expectations as outlined above.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date

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ATTN: Linda Sponsel

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SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION BY: MAY 31, 2017