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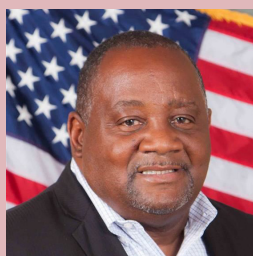
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# FEE WAIVER EXTENDED FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION!

*By Cassandra Griffin*

The 2021-2022 school year is almost over and Thornton Township High School District 205 is already looking forward to the next term. We are planning and preparing now so that we can have success in the future.

Parents, you can help us get the 2022-2023 school year off to a great start by registering your child during the early registration period that is going on now. All registration must be conducted online via the Registration Gateway, which can be found on the homepage of District 205's website ([www.district205.net](http://www.district205.net)). The process is quick and simple if you have all of the necessary documents before you begin. The district's website provides a list of the documents. You can complete the process at home or, if you would like assistance from our staff, you can use one of the registration kiosks that are located in the lobby of each District 205 high school building. Please contact your child's school to confirm that staff will be available at the time that you want to arrive and to be notified of the location of the kiosks.

## •Thornridge High School

TR-Registration@district205.net; 708-271-4411

## •Thornton Township High School

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## •Thornwood High School

TW-Registration@district205.net; 708-339-7800

A major benefit of registering your child during the early registration period is that all student registration fees are waived. This is potentially a \$155 savings per student! Thornridge High School Assistant Principal William Brown shared some additional benefits of early registration by noting that, "The closer that we get to the next school year, the more people we have who are registering. Parents registering in August will experience a much longer wait time than parents who are registering in May. The earlier a parent registers, the more convenient it will be for them." Mr. Brown added that early registration:

- allows students to start school on the first day of the new term
- keeps students from missing valuable instructional time
- gives students a better opportunity to select the elective classes of their choice.

**DON'T DELAY. REGISTER TODAY!**

# WHAT IS... MEDICAL CLEARANCE?

By Cassandra Griffin

Medical clearance is an important part of School District 205's student registration process. It helps the District to create a safe environment for students and staff and ensures that students are healthy enough to attend classes and participate in other school activities.

Parents are encouraged to complete the registration process during the early period which is going on now. The Registration Gateway is located on the District 205 website ([www.district205.net](http://www.district205.net)).



The following documents must be uploaded for the category of students listed below:

*Incoming freshman or transfer students:*

- current physical
- current immunization
- current dental
- emergency contact
- administration of medication

*Senior students:*

- proof of the meningitis vaccine

At this time, students are not required to be vaccinated for COVID-19. Vaccination is encouraged due to the State of Illinois decreasing COVID mitigation requirements.

Viola Johnson, District 205 Certified Registered Nurse, indicated that, "The District plans to provide mobile clinics during the upcoming summer break to assist parents with obtaining physicals and immunizations required for medical clearance." Details will be shared on the District's website when they are finalized. Nurse Johnson noted that, "If students are not medically cleared, they will be excluded from all classes and extracurricular programs on October 15, 2022." If you have any questions about the medical clearance requirements, please contact:

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Xochitl Zambrano: 708-225-4779
- Thornridge  
Kenya Moss: 708-271-4479
- Thornton  
Melissa Graham: 708-225-4178

Thank you for helping District 205 to have a healthy and successful school year.

# WHO QUALIFIES FOR BUS SERVICE?

By Cassandra Griffin

Thornton High School District 205 knows that how students get to and from school can impact how they perform during the school day. This is why, during the 2021-2022 term, we provided bus transportation for approximately 2,100 students every school day.

To qualify for school bus service, students must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Have an Individual Education Plan (IEP);
  - Have a qualifying 504 plan (medical);
  - Live at or more than 1.5 miles away from the nearest entrance door of their school; or
  - Live within an area that does not have adequate sidewalks or walkways (as identified on the District 205 Walkout Map)
- Residency documentation and IEP information that parents provide during the District 205 registration process are utilized by our residency officers and transportation team to determine if a student is eligible for bus service.

William Garrett, District 205 Manager of Operations, encourages parents to register students during the early registration period that is going on now. Mr. Garrett stated

that, "Parents who register early will have the peace of mind of knowing that their child will receive accurate bussing information before the start of the upcoming school year." Determining bus routes is complex and is based on available predictive data, student registration residency information, student density, ridership type, student ridership needs, and other considerations. Mr. Garrett noted that a major factor impacting District 205's transportation planning process is the nationwide shortage of school bus drivers. Although District 205 strives to ensure that every student who qualifies for school bus transportation is picked up and returned home on time, the driver shortage may occasionally result in unavoidable delays.

Here are some actions that students and parents can take to help District 205 achieve its goal of providing a positive and efficient school bus experience throughout the 2022-2023 school year:

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**Students should:**

- report to their designated stop no less than seven (7) minutes before their pickup time
- have their ID's viewable when boarding the bus
- maintain a reasonable level of noise when waiting for, riding, and exiting the bus
- show bus drivers, fellow students, and members of the community courtesy

**Parents should:**

- register students before July 1, 2022
- update students' residency information immediately following any change in: address; parent/guardian contact information; and/or any other required field as outlined in the student handbook

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

Visit the online registration kiosk at your school Monday – Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our team is standing by to assist you.

## DISTRICT 205 MISSION STATEMENT:

Thornton Township High School District 205 endeavors to develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted, or employed at the completion of high school.

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

**August 11 & 12 – Teachers Institute Days**

**August 15 – Freshman Orientation Day**

**August 16 – First Day of School for All Students**

**September 5 – Labor Day, No School**

**September 8 – Back to School Night**