

# The Merit School of Manassas Welcomes Grades K-5

The Merit School of Manassas, located on Plantation Lane, provides a nurturing and engaging environment for children from infancy to Pre-K, along with before- and after-school care. This coming fall the school will expand to include kindergarten through fifth grade, following the closure of Manassas Christian School.

This commitment to growth and excellence is mirrored in the dedication of its leadership. Director Ciara Callen has devoted over a decade to The Merit School, while Chantel Clayborn, the district director, boasts nearly two decades of service.

The school's commitment, shared by leadership and staff alike, fosters a community-centric environment. This sense of unity is evident as former students often return as staff and enroll their children, highlighting enduring community bonds.

The school's vibrant community engagement complements its broader accolades, including Cognia accreditation and its status as the



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10th-largest early childhood education provider that is located exclusively in Virginia.

The school's strong sense of community and its notable achievements set a solid foundation for welcoming new members. With the integration of students and teachers from Manassas Christian School, the curriculum will maintain its biblical component, including devotions and student showcases of learning through Bible verses or songs, ensuring a smooth transition for incoming students and their families.

The academic program will be enriched with specialty classes in Spanish, health and physical education, technology, art, and music, and maintain class sizes from 10-18 students.

The facility boasts spacious, well-lit classrooms and play areas. This includes a locker section, ample restrooms, Smartboard-equipped classrooms, a garden, and extensive outdoor play spaces. In addition, the playground, which is designed for older children, features swings, a basketball court, and two covered areas.

The upcoming introduction of kindergarten through fifth grade marks a significant and exciting expansion, enhancing the school's educational continuum and community spirit.

To learn more, call (703) 369-7942.



~ Kristy Gillespie