

Recommended process for Step-Up Day: Spend about 40 minutes with an introduction for the students to meet the next year teacher (or at least see the classroom, if teacher changes) and learn about the new grade. Since 8th grade doesn't "step up", some schools might wait to do this until they've graduated (but it may be too late if you're concerned about re-enrollment) or they have the 8th graders help guide the students throughout the school. It is recommended to have the teachers coordinate an activity that the incoming class might be able to work on while they visit.

Something else to consider is a "prek or kindergarten orientation" where you invite both students and parents to see the new classroom, meet the teachers and the curriculum, and provide onsite registration for the following year. You can do this coupled with an interactive classroom activity or on its own. This is often supplemented with a follow up note or letter from the teacher and/or class letting them know how excited they will be to have them in the next grade or the students sharing how much they love that grade.