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New offerings

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Although many details have yet to be arranged, Columbus Public Schools plan to open these schools and programs for 2006-07:

PROPOSED SCHOOLS

- Two single - gender middle schools : The district already offers schools with single-gender classrooms, but these would be the first entire schools for just boys or girls.
- **Star Academy** : A new lottery school for students from one of six geographic regions, this middle school would focus on science, technology and math, with admission weighted to students from math- and science-focused elementaries.
- **Technology and global - studies school** : For students in grades 6-12, this program would immerse students and teachers in the use of computers, including desktop computers, hand-held devices and video conferencing.
- **Full - service elementary** : In collaboration with Ohio State University, the district would create a school that would offer a variety of social services to meet the needs of entire families.

PROPOSED EXPANSION

- Indianola Alternative Middle School : The informal K-5 school just east of the Ohio State University campus would grow to include middle-school students, either in a separate or new building.

NEW PROGRAMS

- **Citywide , all - day prekindergarten** : The district would provide an all-day pre-kindergarten program at a newly rebuilt or renovated elementary school.
- **Autism program** : Six classrooms would be dedicated to serving preschool- and kindergarten-age children with autism.
- **Summer academy for middle schoolers** : Working with students on reading, math, science and social studies.
- **Online university** : College-level coursework will be offered at high schools over the Internet. Source: Columbus Public Schools

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