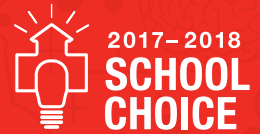


# CMS SCHOOL CHOICE

## 2017–2018 Short Guide



**ENROLL**  
children  
new to CMS  
by Jan. 24

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**RESEARCH**  
CMS School  
Choice options

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**VISIT**  
schools that  
interest you and  
your child

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**SELECT**  
your top three  
preferences

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**SUBMIT**  
lottery  
application  
between  
Jan. 6 – Feb. 14

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## Focused Areas of Study

### Entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship program offers students comprehensive programs of study that align with business and industry needs, and enhance their 21st century leadership skills.

### Middle Colleges

In partnership with Central Piedmont Community College (CPC), CMS offers accelerated learning opportunities that allow students the opportunity to take college courses while completing their high school graduation requirements.

### Early College

In partnership with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte), CMS offers accelerated learning opportunities that allow students the opportunity to take college courses while completing their high school graduation requirements.

### Military, Global Leadership & Public Safety

This program develops leaders who are knowledgeable about their contributions to the global community through building and maintaining positive trusting relationships and service learning.

### International Baccalaureate

The IB program is a rigorous program of study that focuses on critical thinking and international mindedness.

### World Languages

The overall goal of the World Languages & Language Immersion programs is to promote high academic achievement in literacy and proficiency in dual languages while enhancing the level of cultural awareness among students.

### STEM and STEAM

STEM education is an approach to teaching and learning that integrates the content and skills of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

### Visual and Performing Arts

The focus of the Visual and Performing Arts program is to develop a student's talents and passion for the arts.

# Unique Learning Approaches

## Blended and Virtual Learning

The Blended & Virtual Learning programs were designed using a formal approach to education that involves full or partial online delivery of content with some element of student control over the time, place, path and/or pace of their learning. By leveraging the internet, students receive a personalized learning experience.

## Learning Immersion and Talent Development

The Learning Immersion and Talent Development (LI/TD) program provides students a learning environment focused on instructional strategies for advanced learners and rigorous curriculum. Students are expected to use analytical and critical thinking skills to solve real-world problems. Each school's staff receives ongoing professional development on research-based strategies for best supporting advanced and gifted learners.

## Montessori

Children in the Montessori program learn by working with specially designed and attractively displayed developmental materials that support grade level goals and learning objectives. Working individually or in small groups, children develop a sense of self-esteem because they are given a balance of freedom and responsibility.

## Traditional

The Traditional program is committed to developing young citizens that possess leadership skills that are nurtured within and are demonstrated openly in service and responsibility to self, family, community, and country.

*Get started* **CMSchoice.org**

Select up to three schools that best match your child's interests and talents. **Need guidance? Just ask!**

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Key Dates and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found at **CMSchoice.org**  
Round one of the CMS School Choice lottery closes Feb. 14, 2017. Apply online 6 AM and 10 PM.