

# **Future of Lincoln Heights Elementary Community Engagement Session**

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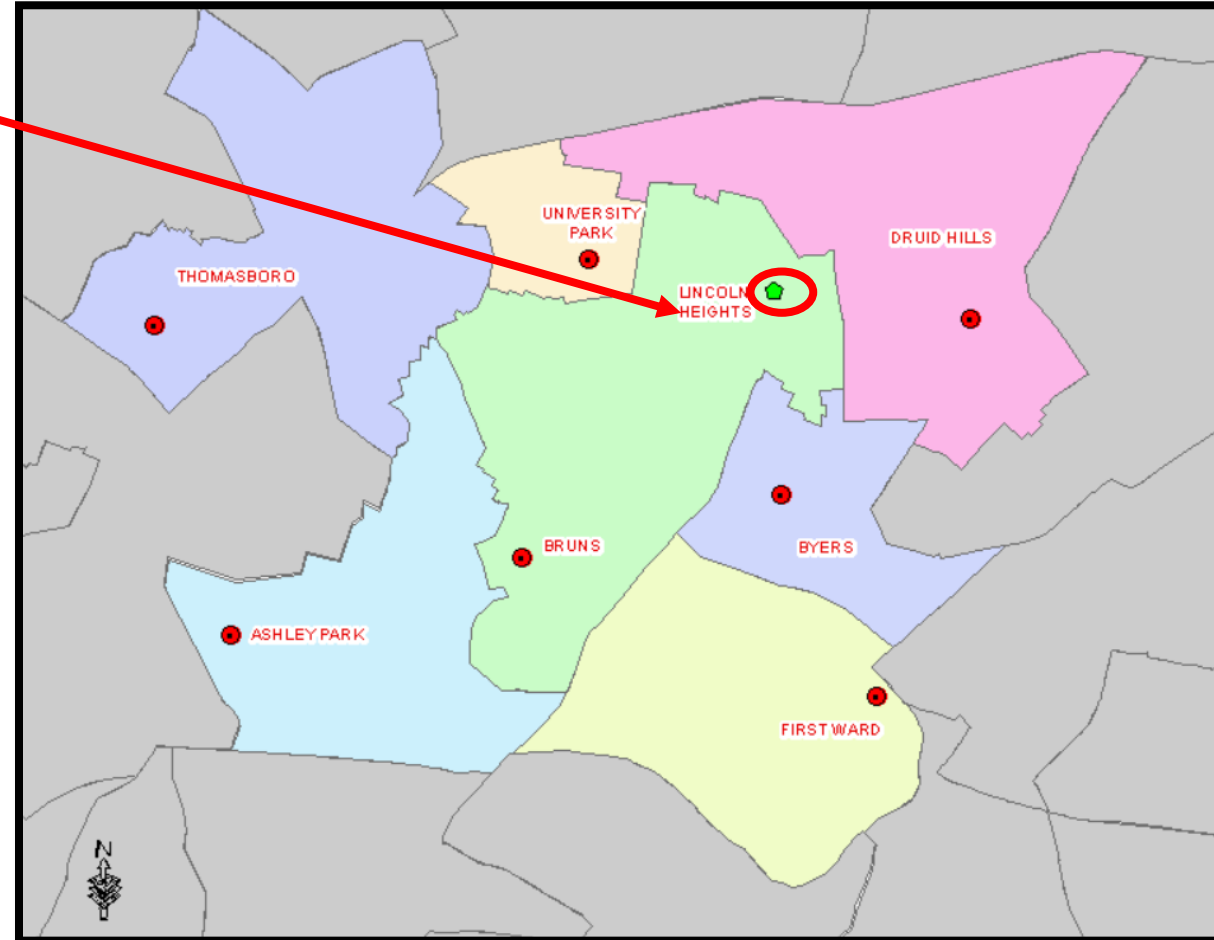
Student Assignment and School Choice  
March 31, 2021

# Objectives

- Review the opportunity created by the 2017 bond project to open Lincoln Heights as an elementary school in 2022-23
- Understand the process which begins today and leads to a Board vote in June / July 2021
- Share information which sets the stage for future engagement sessions
- Share intended timeline, including community engagement and next steps

# Lincoln Heights Elementary School

- Lincoln Heights is a 39 classroom facility located within the Bruns Elementary attendance area at 1900 Newcastle Street
- The facility is currently occupied by Shamrock Gardens Elementary, which will relocate to a newly constructed facility for the fall 2022. Charlotte Mecklenburg Virtual High School is also housed at Lincoln Heights. A permanent home will be identified for this program prior to fall 2022.
- The 2017 bond references opening Lincoln Heights as a magnet program



# Process Leading to Vote on Student Assignment to Lincoln Heights

## **Superintendent, through his designees, gathers community input and feedback**

- typically, 3 engagement sessions
- session 1 introduces the opportunity, shares information to set context for future engagement and decision-making
- session 2 shares at least two scenarios and seeks community feedback
- session 3 previews the superintendent's recommendation to the Board and seeks community feedback

## **Community Input and Feedback shared with the superintendent and Board**

- at least one public update to the Board during a regularly scheduled Board meeting
- at least one public hearing during a regularly scheduled Board meeting

## **Multiple Inputs to the Superintendent's Recommendation and Board's Vote**

- Policy JCA
- community input
- achieving 2017 bond intent

## **Superintendent makes recommendation to the Board for a vote ~June / July 2021**

- effective date 2022-23 school year
- grandfathering, if applicable
- specifies new boundaries, including any changes in feeder pattern / continuation

**School Year 2021-22 leveraged as a planning year, led by learning community and new principal**

# Student Assignment Policy JCA

## **Board Requirement for Student Assignment (Policy JCA)**

- contiguous boundaries

## **Board's Decision Matrix for School Boundary Decisions (Policy JCA-E2)**

- home to school distance
- intact feeder patterns
- socioeconomic (SES) diversity
- utilization

## **Board's Additional Factors for Consideration (Policy JCA-E2)**

- the feasibility of achieving the board's goals through other means, such as establishing partial magnet schools;
- keeping entire neighborhoods assigned to the same school;
- projections for population growth and demographic shifts;
- site limitations or legal restrictions that affect expansion capabilities;
- whether the school has been identified for capital improvements through bond or other funding.

# Policy JCA-E on School Choice

## Two Types of Magnet Programs in CMS

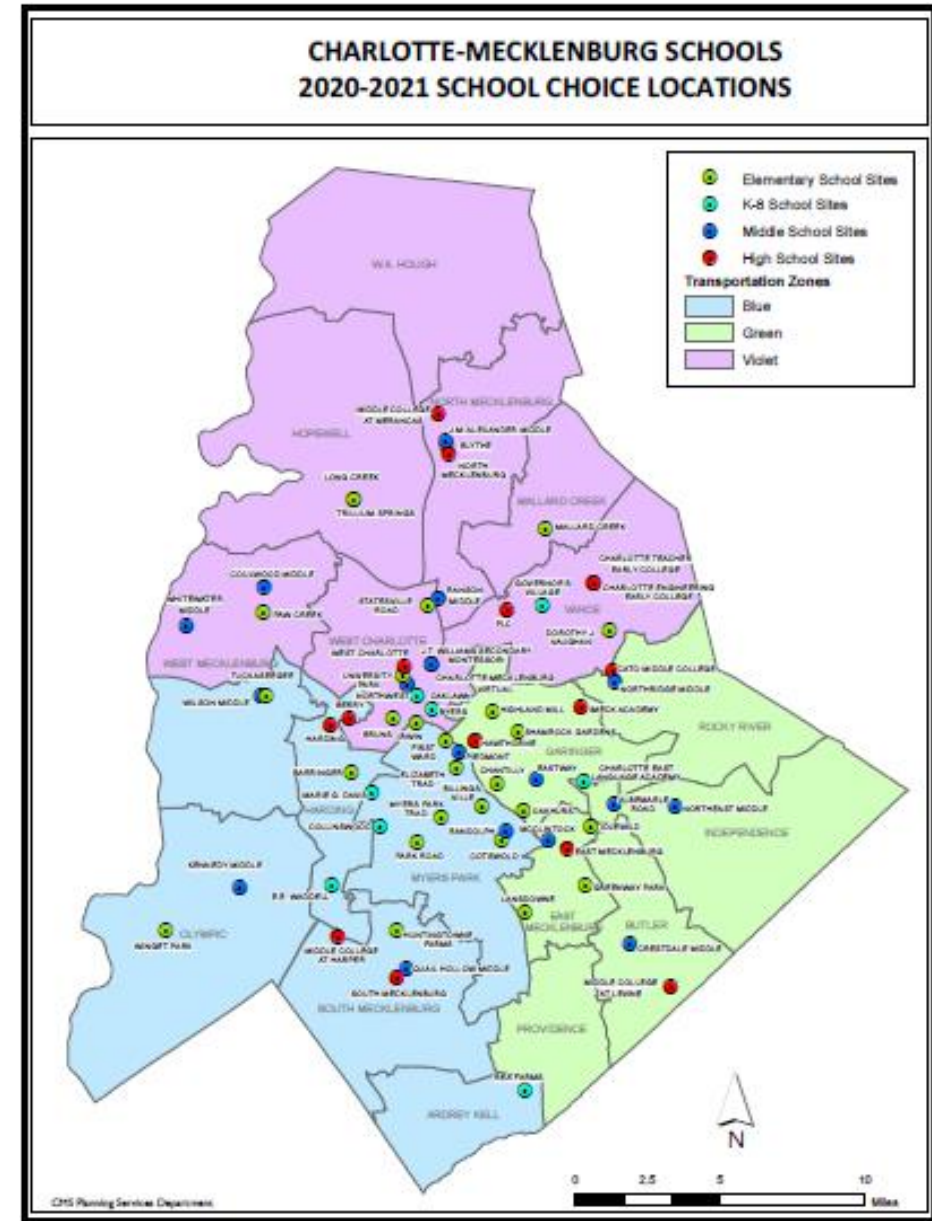
- **Full magnet** – all seats are assigned via the school choice lottery
- **Magnet with home school area** – some seats are assigned based on student home address with remaining seats assigned via the school choice lottery; the magnet theme is schoolwide and all students participate

## School Choice Lottery Recognizes Guarantees and Priorities

- **continuation guarantee** – allows for magnet “feeder patterns”
- **sibling guarantee** – allows an older sibling to pull in a younger sibling
- **proximity priority** – prioritizes a percentage of seats for students within a 1/3 mile radius of a full magnet school
- **socioeconomic diversity priority** – prioritizes a set percentage of seats for each of three SES groups
- **school performance policy priority** – prioritizes a set percentage of seats for students who attend their home school and that school is designated by the state as low performing for three consecutive years

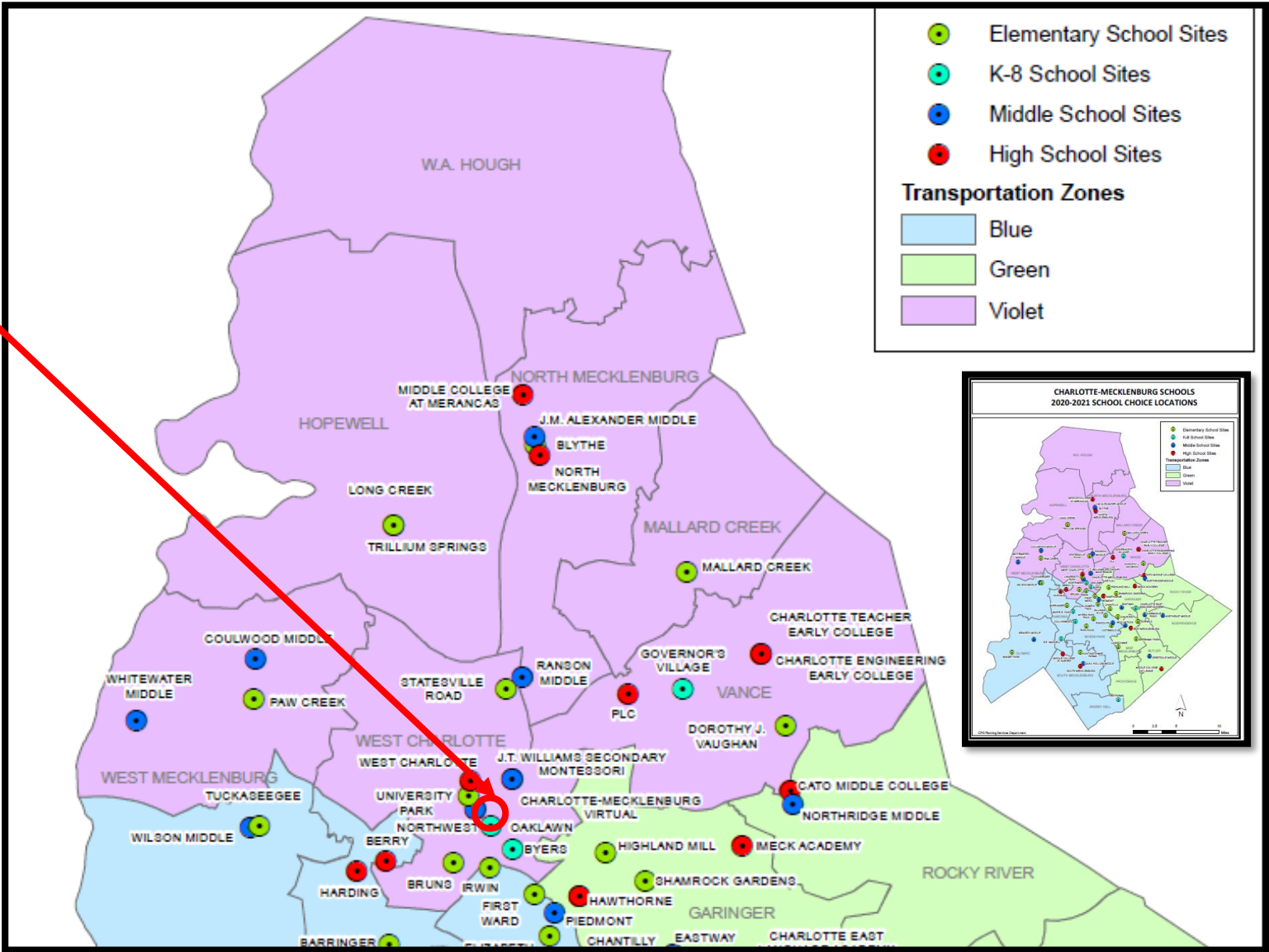
## Some, Not All, Magnet Programs Have Entry Requirements

- entry requirements are intended to ensure students are prepared to succeed in the magnet program curriculum
- schools have *either* an entry or continuation requirement

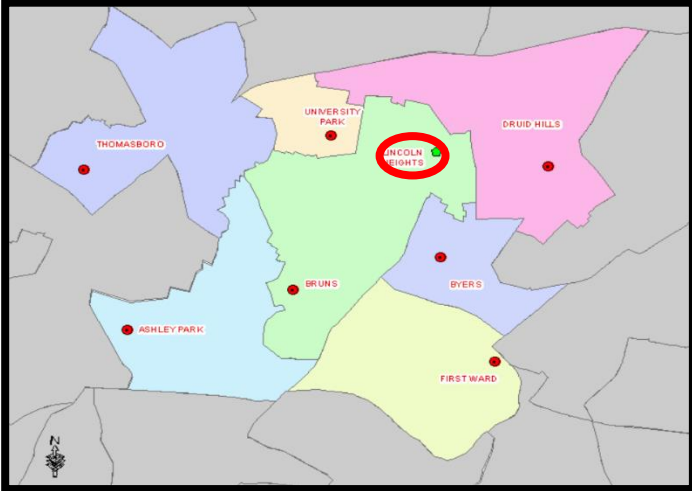


# Violet Transportation Zone

- CMS is divided into three transportation zones: blue, green and violet
- Lincoln Heights is located in the violet zone
- students residing in a particular transportation zone receive priority in the school choice lottery for magnet programs which serve that zone
- students are eligible for CMS transportation to magnet programs which serve their transportation zone
- students are eligible for CMS transportation to countywide magnet programs, regardless of where they live
- to improve equitable access to magnet programs, CMS prioritizes ensuring each transportation zone has similar offerings



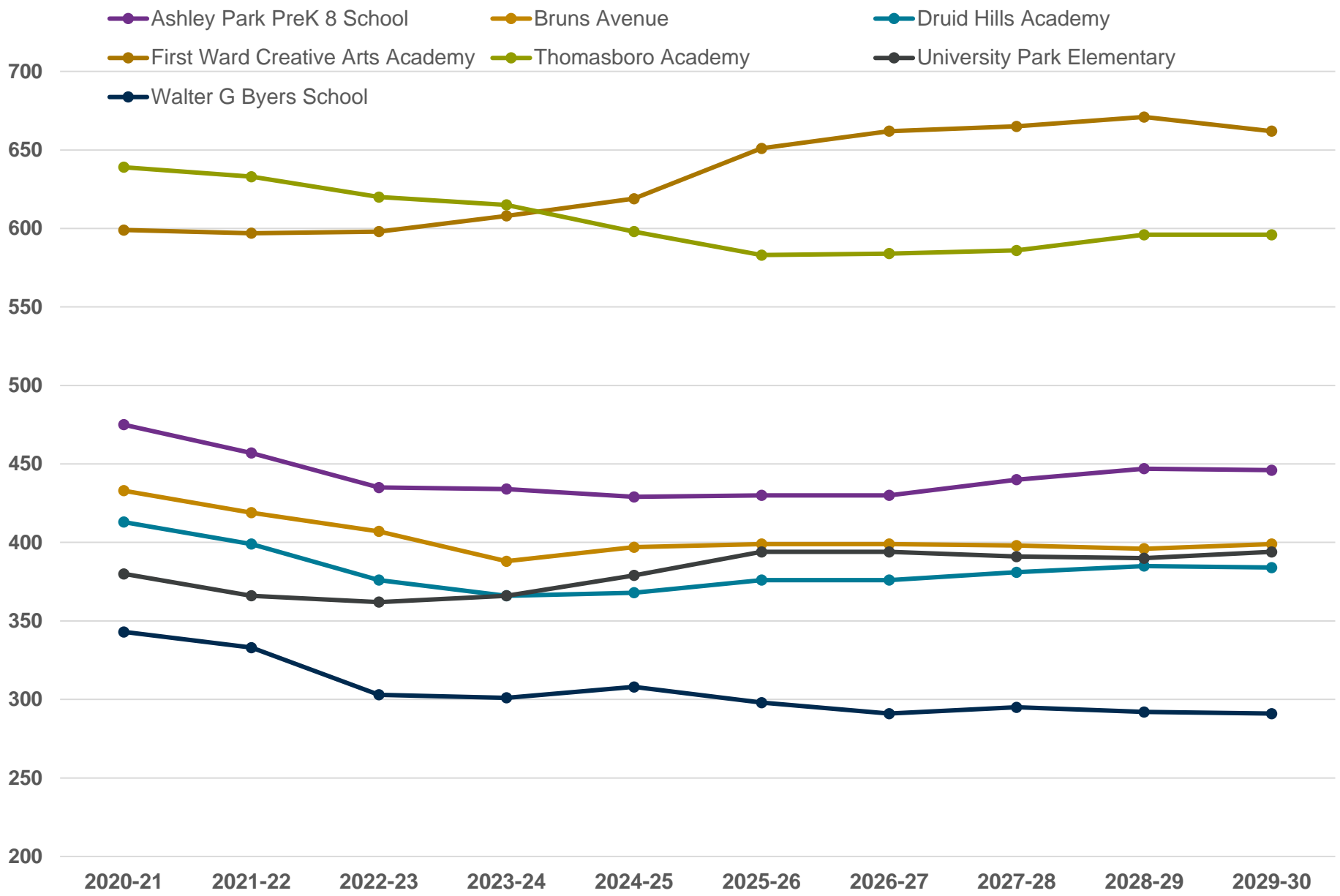
# Elementary Enrollment in Schools Surrounding Lincoln Heights



School	# Classrooms	# Mobiles (2019-20)	Planning Capacity (20 students / classroom)	Enrollment (2019-20)	# Classroom Teachers (2019-20)	Classroom Utilization (2019-20)	Projected Enrollment (2029-30)
Ashley Park K-8	32	10	640	443	39.4	123%	446
Bruns	39	14	780	412	23.5	60%	399
Walter G. Byers K-8	36	0	720	335	33	92%	384
Druid Hills	39	0	780	400	33	85%	662
First Ward	40	0	800	603	40.5	101%	596
Thomasboro	32	15	640	639	41	128%	394
University Park	34	0	680	389	27.5	81%	291
<b>Total</b>	252	-	5,040	3,221	-	-	3,172



# Projected Enrollment in Schools Surrounding Lincoln Heights



# CMS Offers Multiple Magnet Themes / Learning Approaches

Blended and Virtual Learning

**International Baccalaureate**

**Learning Immersion / Talent Development**

Middle and Early Colleges

Military, Global Leadership and Public Safety

**Montessori**

**STEM and STEAM**

**Traditional / Leadership**

**Visual and Performing Arts**

**World Languages**

# International Baccalaureate (IB) (visit [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org) for more information)

Focuses on critical thinking and international mindedness, seeking to develop the whole child intellectually, personally, socially and emotionally.

IB teaches students to ask challenging questions, reflect, develop research skills and become active learners.

IB schools evaluated and authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization in order to receive the designation of an IB World School ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)).

**IB Primary Years Programme (PYP):** For grades K-5, PYP focuses on inquiry-based learning, emphasizing academic development, international understanding and service to society. Study of world languages begins in Kindergarten.

**IB Middle Years Programme (MYP):** For grades 6-10, MYP focuses on an intensive study of core subjects integrating concept based learning through global contexts.

**IB Diploma Programme (DP):** For grades 11-12, DP is among the most academically rigorous programs offered in high school. Students sit for international exams to earn the IB Diploma, a highly esteemed qualification widely recognized by institutions of higher learning.

Theme	Elementary	Middle	High
International Baccalaureate	Blythe Statesville Road Marie G. Davis K-8 (countywide)	Alexander Marie G. Davis K-8 (countywide) Piedmont Ranson	North Mecklenburg West Charlotte

# Learning Immersion / Talent Development (LI/TD)

(visit [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org) for more information)

Learning environment focuses on instructional strategies which foster advanced learning.

The Learning Immersion (LI) program serves grades K-5. Students are taught using rigorous instructional strategies and curriculum to foster critical and analytical thinking skills. All CMS students are evaluated during 2nd grade for entrance into the Talent Development (TD).

The Talent Development (TD) program serves grades 3-5. The TD program provides a full-day, inclusive program for identified gifted students. Identified TD students in 5th grade continue to the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

### Special Features

- Teachers trained in gifted instructional strategies, social/emotional supports
- Gifted resources and strategies incorporated daily
- Adjusted pacing/compacted curriculum

Theme	Elementary	Middle	High
Learning Immersion / Talent Development	Irwin Mallard Creek Tuckaseegee		Continues to International Baccalaureate

# Montessori (visit [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org) for more information)

Children in the Montessori program learn by working with specially designed 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. The Montessori approach is non-traditional.

Children who enter the program at age four benefit most from the program. In order to gain the greatest benefit, children should attend through the terminal grade.

### Special Features

- Provides a child-centered learning environment which places high regard for each child’s developmental level
- Uses activities that help students develop responsibility, self-confidence and independence
- Offers classes with multi-aged groupings
- Teachers receive special Montessori training to include certification as a Montessori teacher
- Montessori is the only Magnet program that begins in pre-K

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Montessori	Highland Mill Trillium Springs	J.T. Williams 7-12 (countywide)	J.T. Williams 7-12 (countywide)

# STEM and STEAM (visit [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org) for more information)

Integrates the content and skills of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

STEAM fuses arts and creativity with STEM.

Focuses on inquiry, logical reasoning, and investigation; complements 21st century skills, particularly creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication.

## Special Features

- Specially trained teachers for STEM/ STEAM studies
- Students discover the ‘how’ and ‘why’ behind the creative processes

**Areas of Focus** - some schools choose to focus on a particular area within STEM

- Environmental sustainability
- Computer science / coding
- Health and epidemiology

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STEM / STEAM	Bruns Dorothy J. Vaughan Governors Village K-8 Paw Creek Walter G. Byers K-8	Coulwood Governors Village K-8 Northridge Walter G. Byers K-8 Whitewater Wilson	Harding (countywide) Hawthorne (countywide) Phillip O. Berry (countywide)

# Traditional / Leadership (visit [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org) for more information)

Develops young citizens to possess leadership skills nurtured within and demonstrated openly in service and responsibility to self, family, community, and country.

Using the Leader in Me model, the program builds cooperative relationships and good judgment as the basis for creating a successful community of learners characterized by principle-centered and personal leadership.

## Special Features

- The principles of Dr. Stephen R. Covey, internationally renowned consultant and author of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and First Things First, are embedded in the school's culture and guide the students, faculty and staff in building the leadership model.
- At Quail Hollow Middle, the traditional / leadership theme is paired with the Paideia model, which leverages the Socratic seminar to advance "critical thinking, communication skills, and attitudes necessary to earn a living, be an active citizen, and pursue a meaningful life"

Theme	Elementary	Middle	High
Leadership / Traditional	Elizabeth Traditional Myers Park Traditional	Eastway (2) Quail Hollow (2)	No High School Continuation

# Visual and Performing Arts (visit [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org) for more information)

Develops a student's talents and passion for the arts. Students receive specialized studies in dance, music, theatre arts, and visual arts with arts used a catalyst for creativity and collaboration.

Elementary level - Students receive weekly classes in each of the four arts disciplines, as well as arts integrated instruction in their grade-based classroom.

Middle school level - three consecutive years of rigorous, intensive instruction in the visual and performing arts with flexible, skill-based groupings in the visual and performing arts.

High school level – offers several four-year programs of study in a particular arts discipline

## Special Features

- Student performance opportunities available at all levels
- Visiting artists and guest speakers
- Full time band and orchestra classes (K-5)

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Visual and Performing Arts	University Park Long Creek	Northwest School of the Arts 6-12 (countywide)	Northwest School of the Arts 6-12 (countywide)



# World Languages — (visit [www.cmschoice.org](http://www.cmschoice.org) for more information)

Promotes high achievement in reading, writing and speaking in dual languages, while enhancing the level of cultural awareness among students. Students learn a new language or retain high proficiency in a heritage language, embrace diversity and become responsible leaders in a culturally diverse world.

**Language Immersion** - Students have the opportunity to become highly proficient in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, or Spanish by participating in the elementary Language Immersion program. Beginning in kindergarten, classroom instruction is conducted in the target language for all or part of the instructional day.

**World Languages** - Students select to study Chinese, French, German, Japanese or Spanish beginning at the entry level in grade 6 and have the opportunity to earn high school credit while in middle school.

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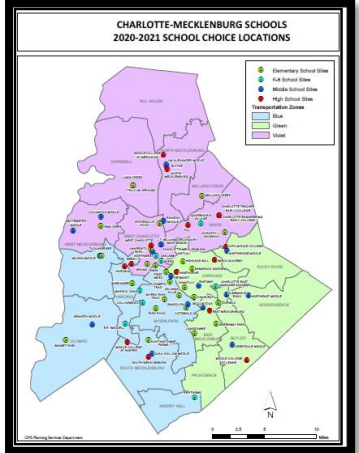
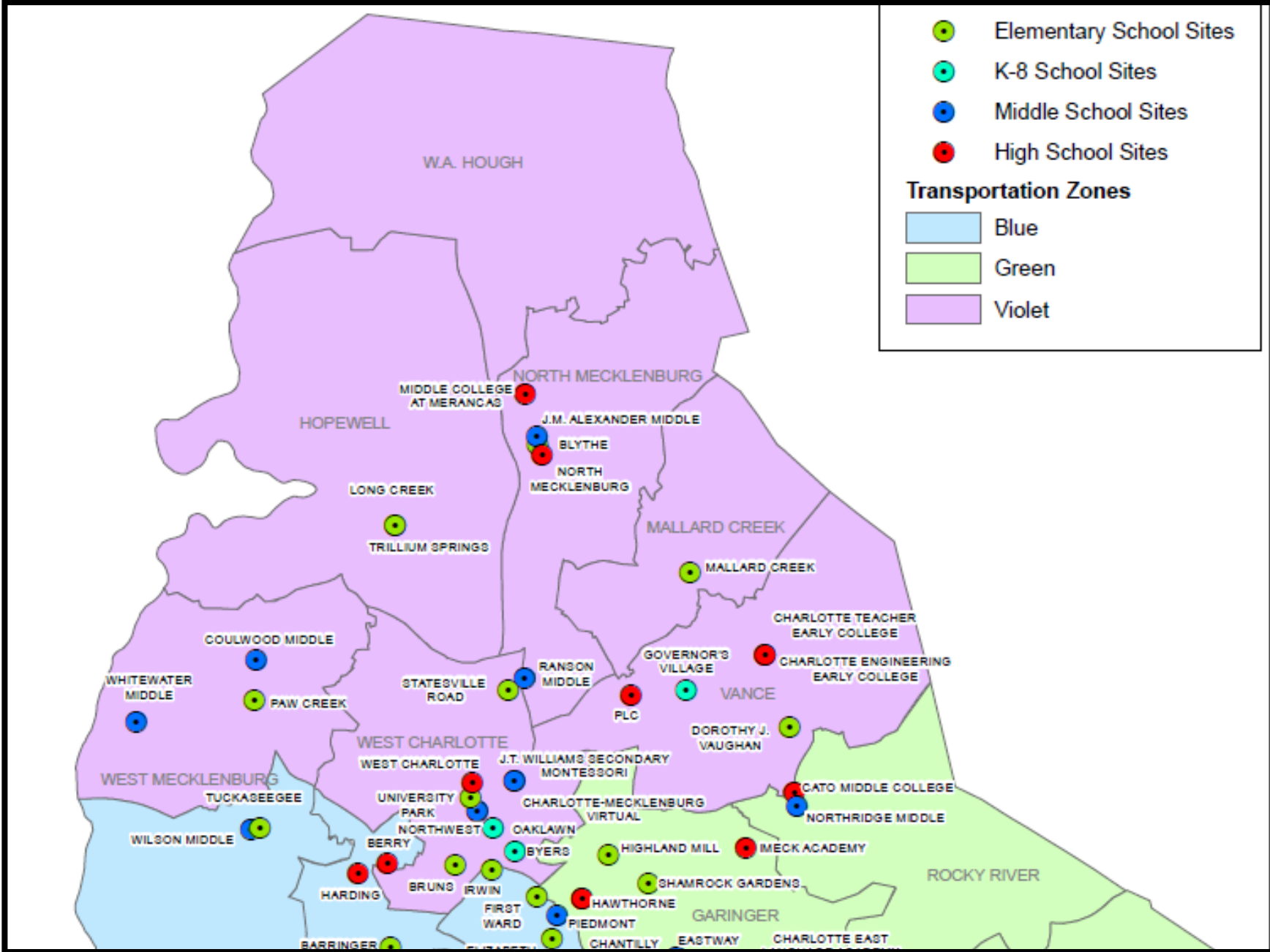
- participation in local international events
- opportunities to become proficient in a 2nd or 3rd language
- K-8 curriculum taught in a target language
- 6-12 instruction builds on existing language proficiency, emphasizing world languages and cultures

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World Languages	Oaklawn K-8 Waddell K-8 / North Language K-8 (opening fall 2021)		North Mecklenburg

# Current Magnet Programs Serving the Violet Transportation Zone

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# Next Steps

- Session #1 follow up survey
  - the link to the survey, presentation slides and webinar recording will be posted on the CMS Planning Services webpage
  - the link to the survey will be emailed to all attendees who registered for today's webinar with an email address
  - the link to the survey will be emailed to the CMS school choice listserve
- Student Assignment and School Choice will develop a set of scenarios, informed in part by community input, for the future Lincoln Heights Elementary
- During a second community session, we will share scenarios with the community and ask engage attendees in a conversation about each via virtual breakout rooms; session, date tbd (late April / early May). A second survey will solicit attendee and broader community feedback on the scenarios.

Please email any questions to the Planning Services team at [planning@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:planning@cms.k12.nc.us)  
or CMS School Choice team at [schoolchoice@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:schoolchoice@cms.k12.nc.us)

**Thank you  
for engaging in this important process!**