CMS Virtual Schools

Connecting students’ interests to theme-based learning experiences

APPLY BY JULY 18
Who is CMS?

~148,000 students enrolled in CMS

176 schools in CMS

25,000+ magnet students

168 merit awards in 10 years

97 magnet programs

68 magnet schools

24,771 lottery applications received

CMS’s 17th IB school was authorized in May 2020 (Billingsville Elementary School)

12,770 students are enrolled in International Baccalaureate PYP, MYP, DP and CP

Home of the first public secondary Montessori school in the Southeast

Magnet Themes
- Blended & Virtual Learning
- Early College
- International Baccalaureate
- Leadership
- Learning Immersion and Talent Development
- Middle College
- Military, Global Leadership and Public Safety
- Montessori
- STEM/STEAM
- Visual and Performing Arts
- World Languages and Language Immersion

Over 3,800 students are engaged in Computer Science and Computational Thinking across 3 elementary and 3 middle schools
Today’s Questions:

- What virtual options are available in CMS?
- Who is leading the virtual schools?
- How does virtual school look for grades 3-8?
- How do I apply and can I change my mind?
- What else do we know about virtual?
- What answers are we still waiting on?
What virtual options are available in CMS?
CMS has previously offered virtual options for grades 9-12.

New for the 21-22 year, we will offer a virtual option for grades 3-5 and 6-8.

The virtual elementary & middle schools will be temporarily housed at E.E. Waddell. The virtual high school is located on New Castle St. (former Lincoln Heights Academy building).

This is NOT Full Remote Academy. These are stand-alone schools.
Who is leading the CMS Virtual Schools?
Principals at CMS Virtual Schools

- **3-5**  Principal appointment pending
- **6-8**  Ms. Tonya Faison
- **9-12** Mr. John Cline
Q: How does virtual school look in grades 3-8?
Registration is open for the new CMS Virtual School (Grades 3 – 8)

**Rich Curriculum**
These programs will provide the same rich curriculum found at all CMS schools, with daily live interactive sessions and self-paced independent learning.

- Math
- Literacy
- Science
- Social Studies
- Electives/Arts

**Community**
A sense of belonging is central to our schools in CMS. The new virtual schools will be staffed with teachers who are trained and intentional about building relationships and culture in a virtual setting.

- A strong school and classroom community
- Time with teachers and peers every day
- Shared experiences designed for a virtual setting
- Daily focus on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

**Individualized Support**
Each student is a valued member of our community. Staff at the CMS Virtual Schools will provide ESL, TD, EC, and S04 support specifically designed for your child in the virtual environment.

- Access to school counselors and other support personnel
- Teacher-supported small groups based on student needs
- Structure that builds students’ awareness and empowerment over their needs and environment
The Blended Model

Daily Schedule
○ The daily schedule includes all content areas, either synchronously or asynchronously (Elem) and possibly in A/B format for some middle school course work.
○ The day progresses from synchronous “together” sessions to increasingly independent work, with the class coming back together at the end of the day to reflect/debrief during Closing Circle time.

Asynchronous
○ Learning consists of “flipped” classroom approach where students gain instructional input through watching recorded instruction, other learning focused videos, reading, as well as independent practice/application, independent reading, etc.

Synchronous
○ Time is spent reviewing concepts, modeling, giving students an opportunity to apply what was learned in an interactive and/or supported way, and collaborating with others.

...starts at 3rd Grade

...the education terms
Q: How do I apply and can I change my mind?
There is a one semester commitment for the virtual school. Transfers to the home school are allowed at the end of Semester 1.

To apply, visit cmschoice.org/cms-virtual-schools

1. **ENROLL** in CMS and get your student ID and PIN

2. **EXPLORE** your options on our site

3. **SUBMIT** your transfer request via student placement

4. **NOTIFICATION** will be available by mail in a few weeks
New to CMS?

Students must be Mecklenburg County Residents!

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year takes place at your neighborhood school. Once you have enrolled, you will receive your student ID and PIN to use for the transfer application.

**Enrollment Deadline for Transfer into Virtual Schools:**
**July 18, 2021**

Already a CMS student?

You can use your student ID and PIN to apply for a transfer. If you need these items, connect with your school or email schoolchoice@cms.k12.nc.us.
CMS VIRTUAL SCHOOLS →
Learn about the virtual school from cmschoice.org/cms-virtual-schools

INFORMATION SESSIONS →
Participate in the information sessions so that you can learn more and ask questions.

Discuss this option with your family to understand if it is the best fit for you.
Submit the transfer request

Go to cmschoice.org/cms-virtual-schools to find a link to the transfer portal and find instructions on how to submit a transfer request. You will need your student ID and PIN, and you can get that from your current school or email us at schoolchoice@cms.k12.nc.us.
Q: What else do we now know about virtual?
Quick details of what we now know:

Bell Schedule for grades 3-8
9:15 am - 4:15 pm

3-8 Testing will take place at E.E. Waddell (transportation provided, if needed)

EC Students are eligible to apply and will receive services.

Daily Attendance requirements must be met.

Chromebooks are available for all students.
Q: What answers are we still waiting on?
Outstanding questions we hope to answer very soon:

- What will the district’s mask policy be for in-person learning?
- What middle and high school courses will be offered?
- Will families be able to pick up breakfast and/or lunch for students?
- How much synchronous teaching time will there be for each grade level or course?