

What is a Title I Choice School?

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), formerly known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires that schools that receive federal Title I funds must meet “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) goals. This same federal law requires that any school that does not make AYP in the same subject two years in a row must be identified as a Title I School Improvement School and requires that CMS offer you the opportunity to send your child to another CMS school that is not in Title I School Improvement.

Why am I ineligible for some schools/programs?

You could be ineligible for any of the following reasons:

- Student does not meet magnet program entrance requirements. (Example: LI/TD programs require that students entering grades 3 – 5 be Talent Development (TD) certified in order to apply).
- Magnet program prohibits entry at desired grade level. (Example: Language Immersion only allows student in grade Kindergarten or 1 to apply for certain languages. Montessori only allows students in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1 to apply. IB and STEM programs do not allow rising 11th or 12th graders to apply through the lottery). Students interested in these programs should apply through the Request for Reassignment/Transfer. For more information, visit www.cms.k12.nc.us/magnets.
- IB programs at the high school level are available only to students who feed from the appropriate transportation zone. Example: North Meck IB serves students from the Violet Zone only, West Charlotte IB serves students from the Grey Zone only, East Meck IB serves students from the Green Zone and from the South Meck and Ardrey Kell attendance areas only, and Myers Park IB serves students from their home school attendance area only. Harding IB serves the Olympic attendance area and is available to students county-wide.
- School does not offer Exceptional Student service needed by student.

Why are only certain magnet schools listed on my application?

Only magnet schools that serve your transportation zone are listed on your application.

Why do I have Title I Choice Options?

NCLB requires that students assigned to Title I Choice schools have options for schools that are not Title I Choice. Students with Title I Choice home schools may not have any other Title I Choice schools listed on their applications.

How can I apply to a magnet school not listed on my application?

Click the link below the schools list to access codes for magnet schools not listed. Enter the appropriate code into the option box. Transportation eligibility will be indicated after you register the option.

How do I apply for a non-magnet school not listed?

You can only apply to the schools listed on your application or to other magnet schools. You must request transfer/reassignment for non-magnet schools. The transfer/reassignment period will begin January 6, 2012.

How do I know if I get bus transportation?

After you enter the option code and register your option you will see YES or NO for transportation. You can cancel the option at that time if you wish.

Can I change my choices?

Yes, any time before February 13 at 10 p.m. Each time you enter choices you should receive a new confirmation number.

How do I know my choices were registered?

You will receive a confirmation number. If you do not receive a confirmation number, your choices were not registered. Print your confirmation page for your reference.

When will I receive notification of placement for the 2012-13 school year?

Notification letters will be mailed in early March.