



**East Meck/Myers Park  
High School  
Student Assignment Options**

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**(Replaces previous options)**

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## **Introduction:**

At the August 11, 2009 school Board meeting, in conjunction with a motion for the approval of the new Mint Hill High School boundary, the Board of Education voted in majority to

“...direct our staff to expand consideration of the boundaries for East Mecklenburg High School by looking at Myers Park High School boundaries and the feeder schools for both high school in an effort to increase the number of students at East Mecklenburg and decrease the number at Myers Park, and that a recommendation come back to the Board for approval in time for the enrollment process for the 2010-2011 school year.”

The following describes three distinct discussion options (boundary option previously presented is omitted based on feedback from Board at September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting) which address the directive from the Board. In summary, they include: 1) modification of Myers Park IB program 2) postpone until after review of guiding principles 3) postpone indefinitely until new relief high school boundaries are drawn.

## **Building Level Data for East Meck:**

As part of the data table presented with the staff recommendation for the new Mint Hill High School and associated boundary changes, the projected enrollment for East Meck HS for the 2010-11 school year is 1,428. This projection is based on a grade 9-12 grade (20<sup>th</sup> day 2008) configuration without consideration of rising seniors who may opt to remain for their senior year (as adopted by Board). Students affected reside in the Piney Grove and Crown Point (West) elementary zone feeders that would be assigned to Butler. Based on the 20<sup>th</sup> day 2009 data (official count day), there are currently 99, 12<sup>th</sup>-graders living in the area that would go to Butler High School. Based on updated 20<sup>th</sup> day 2009 data for the adopted boundary 2010-11, East Meck has 1,500 students. If an estimated 80 seniors (conservative estimate given some will go to Butler) remain at East Meck, along with a growth projection of 22 students, there would be an estimated 1,602 total students for 2010-11 at East Meck.

### **1) Modification of Myers Park IB Option:**

Below is a 20<sup>th</sup> day count for 2009-10 students enrolled in Myers Park IB and East Meck IB programs by home school and grade. The yellow shaded areas for each school indicate the IB feeder schools for the school. The few students assigned from outside the feeder area (non-shaded rows) are most likely students who have moved after the first day of school. As of the 20<sup>th</sup> day, at Myers Park there are seven students in the 9th grade wait pool; and no students in

the wait pool for the other grades. At East Meck, there were 25 students in the wait pool for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and three students in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade wait pools.

### Myers Park IB

Home School	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Total
Ardrey Kell High	13	10	12	12	47
E. E. Waddell High	34	30	13	17	94
East Mecklenburg High	1			1	2
Myers Park High	42	31	30	60	163
Olympic Community of Schools	57	27	19	14	117
Providence High			1		1
South Mecklenburg High	34	32	27	33	126
West Mecklenburg High	1	1	1		3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>553</b>

Yellow shaded rows are schools that feed to Myers Park IB.

### East Meck IB

Home School	09	10	11	12	Grand Total
Butler High	4	1	2	5	12
E. E. Waddell High			2		2
East Mecklenburg High	53	45	41	29	168
Garinger High	63	38	21	19	141
Independence High	43	37	14	15	109
Providence High	1	2	2	3	8
West Charlotte High		1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>441</b>

The following are options to the Myers Park IB program:

Option "A":

- For 2010-11, assign all Myers Park IB students by splitting the Blue transportation zone (see last page for map) in the home-school feeder of Ardrey Kell and South Meck to East Meck IB while assigning IB students from E. E. Waddell and Olympic to Harding IB. Rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders currently enrolled in the program may remain (without transportation and sibling guarantee).
- Students living in the Myers Park attendance area remain at Myers Park IB.
- Transportation provided to the new IB school.
- No option for current students to stay at Myers Park IB if outside the Myers Park attendance area and no sibling guarantee.

Option "B":

- For 2010-11, assign all students in the Blue transportation feeder, other than Myers Park, to East Meck IB. Rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders currently enrolled in the program may remain (without transportation and sibling guarantee).
- Transportation provided to the new IB school assignment.
- No option for current students to stay at Myers Park IB if outside the Myers Park attendance area and no sibling guarantee.

Option "C":

- For 2010-11, assign all IB students including those who live in the attendance area from Myers Park, to East Meck IB. Rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders currently enrolled in the program may remain (without transportation and sibling guarantee). This effectively closes the program.
- Transportation provided to the new IB school assignment.
- No option for current students to stay at Myers Park IB or Myers Park attendance, if outside the attendance area and no sibling guarantee.

- Financial implication: with the elimination of the IB program at Myers Park, this results in the authorization status of Randolph IB removed, necessitating them to undergo a reauthorization process. With authorization fees and training required of staff, this has financial implications of approximately \$25,000 to achieve re-authorization as a stand-alone program.

**Enrollment Implication (assumes all students move based on 2009-10 data):**

Enrollment Effect	Option "A"	Option "B"	Option "C"	Total in IB Program Option "A"	Total in IB Program Option "B"	Total in IB Program Option "C"
East Mecklenburg High	+173	+384	+547	614	825	988
Myers Park High	-384	-384	-547	163	163	0
Harding HS	+211	0	0	761	550	550

**STEM Magnet Option:**

As a result of the two public engagement meetings held October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> at East Meck and Myers Park high schools, and having received numerous emails and phone calls, the following describes an additional option:

Effective for the 2010-11 school year, start a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program at East Meck HS as well as McClintock Middle School and Rama Rd Elementary. This initiative is driven by the need for students to develop mastery of science and math skills for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning.

The East Meck STEM program would be a key element as part of a new Math and Science magnet program serving the South (Green and Blue transportation zones, see map next page for map) of the county. Currently, Harding University High is the only Math Science magnet program that serves the entire county. As the data shows below, the North transportation zones (Grey and Violet) subtotal is nearly two and a half times more than the South transportation zone (Green and Blue) subtotal. Harding would serve the North transportation zones and East Meck would serve the South transportation zones.

Harding University High	09	10	11	12	Grand Total	Transp. Zone
<b>MATH/SCIENCE/ENVIRON STUDIES</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>482</b>	
E. E. Waddell High	1	4	1	4	10	Blue
Myers Park High	2	4	7	4	17	Blue
Olympic Community of Schools	3	12	5	13	33	Blue
South Mecklenburg High		1			1	Blue
Butler High		1			1	Green
East Mecklenburg High	1	4	1		6	Green
Garinger High	10	18	14	11	53	Green
Independence High	1	6	9	10	26	Green
<b>South Subtotal</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>147</b>	
Mallard Creek High	6	3	2	5	16	Grey
Vance High	7	8	8	12	35	Grey
West Charlotte High	10	21	22	30	83	Grey
West Mecklenburg High	22	40	42	47	151	Grey
Hopewell High	9	9	15	12	45	Violet
North Mecklenburg High		1	3	1	5	Violet
<b>North Subtotal</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>335</b>	

Students currently attending Harding Math Science program that live in the South transportation zones could continue without CMS provided transportation (includes seniors). Any student desiring a seat in the East Meck program from Harding, would be guaranteed placement for the 2010-11 school year only, transportation contingent on residence in the South transportation zones.

Effective for the 2011-12 school year, students feeding from Morehead K-8 Math and Environment Science Magnet will have a guaranteed seat in either Harding or East Meck STEM Math and Science program based on residence in the appropriate transportation zone. Current entrance and continuation requirements for high school Math and Science magnet program apply. A STEM program will be developed at Rama Road Elementary and McClintock to feed to East Meck High School.

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