

Draft 1 FAQ – Sept. 22

South Garner High School

- I don't understand why the IB option for students assigned to South Garner is Enloe and not Garner. It seems this would be to discourage kids reassigned to South Garner from trying to get into the IB program by making it less desirable (further away). Is there another reason for this? **Thank you for pointing out this error in the address lookup. The IB magnet school for South Garner HS should be Garner HS. We will get this corrected.**
- I may have missed this somewhere in the documentation, but is South Garner opening with all 4 grades or just 9th and 10th grade? **All new high schools open with grades 9&10 only. You did not miss this, we did not make it very obvious. We have added language to the website to clarify.**
- My daughter will be going to the 11th grade next year and she is in the IB program at Enloe. I hope that she is able to grandfather back into Enloe next year. Where can I find the slides that discuss the plans for existing students and the grandfathering process? Has the board decided/posted the application timeline for completing the transfer application? If, so when should we apply? **Slides 46 and 47 in the presentation detail the grandfathering guidelines. We can't answer specifically about your student here. Call the Student Assignment Office at 919-431-7333 to get a specific answer about your student.**
- How does varsity athletics work at schools with only freshman and sophomores? Guessing they don't have any? **The past several high schools that have opened have offered varsity and J.V. teams in all sports when enough players express interest and show up for tryouts. The only exception has been in football where we have not offered varsity football during the first year the school is open. We are reviewing if this will be the same for South Garner.**
- My son started as a Freshman at our base Middle Creek HS this year. He applied and was accepted into the STEM Digital Media Academy which is a 4 year program. This proposal would move him to Garner HS. Are there any exceptions to grandfather kids who have been accepted into these 4 year STEM programs? **Contact the Student Assignment Office at 919-431-7333 for specific questions about your child's assignment. (This corrects a previous inaccurate response.)**

Apex Friendship Middle School

- Don't understand why so many of us are assigned to Lufkin that are close to OCE? It is so far away? Friendship is MuCH closer for many of us. **Due to the housing patterns and varying housing densities, it is simply not possible to assign everyone to their closest school. This video can explain more about proximity and the other three factors we**

must balance in making assignment decisions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_LYehtd0H0

- Please help me understand why kids from Holly Springs are being assigned to Apex Friendship while kids that live 2 miles away from AF are being sent to Lufkin. If part of your criteria for assigning schools is to keep kids in schools closer to their home this plan is not doing that. Also, as Li mentions above it is no longer about trying to keep kids on the same calendars from elementary to middle since this plan has kids from OCE going to AF middle. **Proximity is one of four pillars that guide our work when we develop an attendance area for a new school. We must also look at stability, student achievement, and operational efficiency. As in the previous question, it is not physically possible to assign all students to their closest school.**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_LYehtd0H0
- Do we still get a year round option? If we do get to grandfather in, from what I am reading, we will not have transportation for them? **There is still a year-round application school for all base assignments to a traditional calendar elementary or middle school. If a family is eligible to grandfather and submits a transfer requests, they will be responsible for their student's transportation to/from school.**
- My son will be attending AFHS. My other son is assigned to LRMS. It seems a little crazy that I have two places to pick up my kids. I live west of Kelly road and south of 64. AFMS is much closer than Lufkin road MS. I also think it is not conducive to having a sense of community. I am very frustrated with this assignment. It truly does not make sense to me nor meet my family's need. **Please contact the Student Assignment Office to learn what options are available to you.**
- We live behind the library in Holly Springs and attend Holly Grove Middle School, which is only 2 miles away. AFMS is nearly 9 miles. My daughter will be a rising 7th grader and will not qualify to grandfather. We attended HARES (year round) for K-4, then Oakview (traditional) for 5th grade, then back to year round at HGMS for 6th grade, and now she will go back to traditional for 7th at AFMS. Once she hits high school, she will have attended 5 schools in 6 years, all base schools. **If you believe your family situation warrants special consideration for school assignment, then you will want to participate in the Request for Transfer process in February. All transfer requests submitted are reviewed individually. Individual family circumstances and assignment history are considered when making decisions on your transfer request.**

Bryan Road Elementary School

- Our base school was Creech Rd and we got our son into our year round calendar option Timber for kindergarten this year. I have another son who will be in kindergarten in two years. Now with the uncertainty of Timber changing to multi track and down the road the possibility of having two kids on different schedules when my oldest enters middle school I

am wondering if Bryan Rd, our now proposed base, would provide more stability. However, is there any guarantee our base wouldn't change again in a few years and we wouldn't have the option to stay at Bryan? **We have worked diligently over the past four years to build a multi-year assignment plan to ensure that we do not move families multiple times in a short amount of time. We do not anticipate additional elementary changes in the Garner area for several years.**

Buckhorn Creek Elementary School and associated changes

- The 2018-19 proposal lists schools affected but unrelated to new schools. When I check my address it shows a change in base assignment for my elementary school even though my current elementary (Herbert Akins) is not included in the list of schools affected but unrelated to new schools. ... If the assignment were indeed the new school that would at least make sense. It is not. It is a move to Lincoln Heights. That strange peninsula shape in the lower left of the purple region is where we live. You should consider smoothing out the boundary for Buckhorn creek to follow Piney Grove Wilbon Rd down to Academy. Eliminate the peninsula. **Please contact the Student Assignment Office at 919-431-7333 to get answers specific regarding your child's assignment.**
- Please don't make us move to Fuquay-Varina Elementary. ... Is it normal practice to change an entire neighborhood that has been calendar year to traditional year for at least eight years? I'm also confused as to how this fixes the overcrowding already at FVES? **The assignment changes proposed for Fuquay-Varina Elementary result in a reduction in population at the school. Fuquay-Varina Elementary currently has an enrollment cap due to the current crowding. Sometimes when assignments are changed, it does cause a family to be assigned to a school of a different calendar. Families who experience this type of change can participate in the year-round application process or the traditional calendar application process to try to get their student(s) assigned to their preferred calendar. Calendar assignments are not guaranteed and are dependent on the number of applicants and the number of available seats.**

Existing School to Existing School

- For 2017-18 will Apex Middle school still be capped? I will have a rising 6th grader. Salem MS is our base school but Apex MS is our traditional option. I am desperate to have my rising 6th grader on the same calendar with her sibling who is in high school. Will Apex Friendship MS be an overflow for residents of the Walden Creek subdivision if Apex MS is still capped? Or will the new school opening finally allow Apex to not be capped? How do I find out what my realistic traditional options are? **While capping decisions for Apex MS have not yet been made, with the opening of Apex Friendship MS, it is very likely that the cap at Apex MS can be rescinded.**

- What is the assignment history of the Davis Drive base attendance area proposed to move to East Cary?
 - **Assigned as base to West Cary MS 1999-2007**
 - **Assigned as base to East Cary MS 2007-2011**
 - **Assigned as base to Davis Drive MS 2011-present**

Grandfathering

- The presentation states that grandfathering of high school students from an existing school assigned to a new school will be approved for rising 11th and 12th grades only. Does that mean any rising 10th grade student who applies for grandfather at their existing school will be automatically rejected or is there some case-by-case basis whereby they might receive approval of such a request? **Under the current proposal, requests to grandfather a rising tenth grader would be denied by staff. You could then request a transfer appeal to the Board of Education.**

Application Schools

- My base has never changed, we are Vance/north Garner/garner. Vance and North Garner are year-round Track schools. According to the draft our traditional option is Dillard Dr as it has always been our traditional calendar choice even though it's extremely far away from us who live near Hwy 42! I received a separate email just now that North Garner will become a traditional school in 2018-2019 school year, this was not added into this draft, but kept separate. **We have updated the [address look-up tool](#) to reflect the proposed calendar changes for Track 4 schools and Carver Elementary. A final vote will occur Oct. 3.**
- It seems that if you have a YR base school assigned to your address, that you can apply as a transfer to a traditional calendar school rather than there being a traditional calendar option with transportation, correct? If applying and accepted as a transfer student to the traditional calendar application school, transportation would not be provided. **You are correct. The new processes make this a little confusing. For every K-8 assignment you will have an application school for the opposite calendar. If your base is a traditional calendar school, you will have an opportunity to apply to a year-round calendar school. This application is included in the magnet application. If your base is a non-traditional calendar school, you will have an opportunity to request assignment to a traditional calendar school. You would make this request by submitting a transfer request but different from all other transfer requests, district transportation would be provided to your designated traditional calendar school.**
- Does that mean I will have to re-apply to our year-round calendar option that my son has already been in? How will Kindergarten registration and calendar option applications work if

they're all in January now? **We prefer that you call the Student Assignment Office at 919-431-7333 for questions specific to your children. Kindergarten registration always opens the first Thursday in January. The magnet/year-round application period starts a week or two after the registration opens.**