

Constituent Magnets

(changed from Partial Magnets)

APPROVED ACTION

- James B. Edwards Elementary, Sullivan’s Island Elementary, Jennie Moore Elementary, and Laing Middle will become District 2 constituent magnet schools maintaining their current attendance zone unless future changes are made by the Constituent Board.
- North Charleston Creative Arts and Zucker Middle will become District 4 constituent magnet schools maintaining their current attendance zone unless future changes are made by the Constituent Board..
- Ashley River Creative Arts and St. Andrew’s Math & Science will become District 10 constituent magnet schools, with St. Andrew’s maintaining its current attendance zone and Ashley River creating a small attendance zone including around 25% of current student enrollment. Each will maintain their attendance zone unless future changes are made by the Constituent Board.
- Mitchell Elementary (District 20) and E.B. Ellington Elementary advanced academics (District 23) will become constituent magnet schools maintaining their current attendance zone unless future changes are made by the Constituent Board..
- Haut Gap Middle will become an advanced studies constituent magnet school for eligible District 3 and District 9 students. Eligible District 9 students receive seating priority.
- Transportation will be provided for all constituent magnet schools from within the constituent district. Any out-of-constituent district student impacted by the Board action can stay in their school until they age out (“grandfathering ” provision). District staff will bring to the Board an estimate of the cost of providing transportation.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

Recommendations regarding “partial” magnets have been refined over time as Board members and district leaders received feedback and more carefully examined the advantages and disadvantages of existing partial magnet programs. The Board approved changing these schools from “partial” to *Constituent Magnets* and clarifying that Constituent Magnets serve one (and in a few cases multiple) constituent districts. These schools have an established attendance zone with additional seats available for students who reside within the designated constituent district(s). Eligible students apply for available seats and, if necessary, a lottery will be used for selection. Students who reside outside the designated constituent areas may apply using the district’s transfer request process and will be admitted if seats are available and transfer criteria are met.

COUNTY-WIDE MAGNET SCHOOLS are also a choice in CCSD. Countywide magnet schools do not have attendance zones, and any Charleston County student may apply to attend. They are: Academic Magnet High School, Charleston County School of the Arts, Early College High School, Buist Academy, Charleston Progressive Academy, Military Magnet Academy, Clark Academy, and Memminger International Baccalaureate Elementary.