**Admissions**

Lansdowne Elementary School has worked especially hard recently to communicate with *all* families and the community.  At school we use Class Dojo and Parent Square, both of which have home language options, to communicate with parents.  Interpreters are also always available for use during conference time, IEP meetings, or whenever parent-teacher communication is necessary.

Each grade level now has its own Instagram page in addition to our school’s account.  Pictures of learning, information about school events, and important messages are shared through this social media outlet.  We have received great feedback from families about this new initiative.

Lansdowne Elementary participates in the district’s Magnet Fair each year.  This is a great way to market the school to prospective students.  Informational brochures, student work samples, and pictures help families get a sense of the amazing things happening at our school.  They are also able to speak with school administrators and other representatives such as our IB Coordinator.

Our school is home to one of the district’s few elementary Specialized Behavior Services programs. Students needing more acute behavior and academic interventions based on their IEP are encouraged to come to Lansdowne to receive those services in specialized, self-contained classrooms. Administrators, SBS teachers, school counselors, and EC staff all work together to accommodate the needs of these students and their families.

**CMS Elementary School:**

Lansdowne’s admissions policy is written and mandated by the district and its Magnet Office. Below you will see a summary of how admissions to our school, and others in the district, is handled.

Admission to IB schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools takes place via a randomized lottery process conducted each winter for the following school year.   There are no entrance requirements for admission to elementary school, and once placed in an IB PYP school, students remain in the school unless they move or choose a different school in a subsequent lottery. The CMS Magnet Lottery is available to *all* students and is not first come, first served; all families and applications are treated the same.

Each year families are provided with a unique PIN that is used to enter when the Magnet Lottery opens. They can request up to three schools selected from many different programs including, but not limited to, IB, Montessori, Language Immersion, and STEM. As mentioned above, the yearly Magnet Fair is a well-attended event during which families can learn more about the schools and their respective magnet program. Lansdowne is always excited to be a part of this event. The [**CMS Choice website**](https://cmschoice.org/) can be found in English or Spanish.

More information about the Magnet Lottery can be found [**here**](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1kA4ziYcT2GSvg3VB8zh4zU3TNy-t-ilaGYqX8gKxu1o/copy).