

Preparing for the Next Step: A Parent's Role in Middle & High School Registration FAQ

Question	Response
1. When do students register for the 25-26 school year?	This process began in December 2024. At this time most counselors are meeting 1:1 during an advisement meeting with their students to register. This process is scheduled to be completed by mid March.
1. Is Naviance available for kids going to middle school?	Yes, Naviance is accessible to all students K-12.
2. How do I access Naviance as a parent?	For High School, reach out to your child's counselor to receive a Parent Registration code that will allow you to set up your own parent access to the platform. Students have access through LaunchPad. For Middle School, Students should access via LaunchPad and share with their parents. Parent Access will be shared during the spring semester.
3. Where am I able to find all of the courses/clubs/electives that a particular school offers?	Most Middle and High Schools will have a registration website that lists the registration card and will contain the courses that a student is able to enroll in based on grade level. This information may have also been shared via ParentSquare. If you are unable to locate this information, please contact your students' grade level counselor.
4. If a student will be moving over the summer, can the registration process take place at the school they will attend if it is different than their current home school based on residency?	The student would need to be updated in PowerSchool for the assignment to show up and have access to register at the new school. Until residency is established and the PowerSchool address is updated the student will only have access to register at their currently assigned school.
5. My student is within the gifted program/TD; will they be automatically	Gifted/TD does look different at the Middle School. Please reach out to your child's MS to determine what that support will look like. This will allow more individualized support related to your students' gifted status and

enrolled into middle school gifted programs?	opportunities.
6. How should we approach middle schools for enrollment when transitioning from a magnet elementary school?	Parents not wishing to continue with the assigned middle school magnet program, should contact the Student Programs, Planning & Placement office to request a reassignment to their home school. Once the reassignment is complete, parents should reach out to the school counselor at the reassigned home school.
7. If a child has taken a language at a language immersion program (ex. SAIL) in middle school, does that qualify as their language requirement for HS?	All language immersion 8th grade middle school students/families should have participated in the lottery to express their interest in continue to the continuing high school magnet language program.
8. How do I register my child in a school that is not their zone school?	You would need to contact CMS Student Placement for additional details on this process.
9. NC does not require a world language to be taken to graduate High School but is it recommended for a student to take a world language in HS, especially if they plan on attending college?	Yes, world languages are not required to graduate but are still required for four-year colleges and universities.
10. Where can we find more information about how CPCC/Dual Enrollment works ? Are the courses in person, on-line, or either ?	Additional information on the College and Career Promise program can be found here https://discovercte.com/college-and-career-promise/
11. For high school, would kids interested in CTE pathways still receive a high school diploma?	Yes. The CTE courses will count as elective credits and towards the overall number of credits needed to graduate.

12. What is the process for enrolling in the school band? Will that have conflict with additional electives a student might take?	Band courses will be selected during the registration process and would count as elective credit.
13. If you transfer in from a different HS and there isn't a direct 1:1 on some of the coursework. Is there a resource that shows what classes already taken may carry over in place of a needed credit? For example, would a world religion class be used for credit toward history credit?	High school counselors review transferring transcripts and complete a credit detail to determine what equivalent course a student would earn credit for.
14. When do new to CMS students get access to launch pad, power school, any and all apps that are going to us in high school?	On the day of enrollment once they receive a CMS ID number.
15. If a child has taken a language at SAIL in middle school, does that qualify as their language requirement for HS?	If a student successfully completes the language requirements in their middle school magnet program, the credit earned will count towards the required high school credits needed to graduate; however, the grades earned in the middle school language course will not be factored into their high school grade point average.
16. My child is in the 8th grade. Will he be automatically enrolled to CMS high school or need any special online registration?	8th-grade students are automatically assigned to their feeder high school. No further action is required unless you wish to enroll in a magnet school, which would require an application to the lottery.
17. How should we approach middle schools for enrollment when transitioning from a magnet elementary	Parents not wishing to continue with the assigned middle school magnet program, should contact the Student Programs, Planning & Placement office to request a reassignment to their home school. Once the reassignment is

school. Also when is the best time to enroll ?	complete, parents should reach out to the school counselor at the reassigned home school.
18. Is PE offered as a summer course	No.
19. Has anything changed for current 7th grade math students? I heard that math one is discontinued. As current math 2 students go to high school will they be able to still take college classes if they max out on high school math?	Please see this table which displays the current Middle to High School Math Options.
20. Do you conduct any extra classes after school working hours?	
21. Can a high school student do community college classes over the summer or is that only if they are in dual enrollment?	Please reference the dual enrollment website for additional information https://discovercte.com/college-and-career-promise/
22. Although this is a requirement to graduate HS, what are the minimum HS requirements for entry to UNC system and/or private institutions like Duke?	Our CMS graduation requirements meet UNC minimum admissions requirements, but the student would also need to enroll in at least two world language courses to meet the UNC minimum requirements.
23. Are online courses available for middle and high school students?	Middle school students who
24. My 8th grader is in a CMS magnet program but will not be going to the HS the magnet program feeds into, and will go to our zoned school. Should they register with the magnet program HS	Parents not wishing to continue with the assigned high school magnet program, should contact the Student Programs, Planning & Placement office to request a reassignment to their home school. Once the reassignment is complete, parents should reach out to the school counselor at the reassigned home school.

since the CMS transfer window to switch to our home school doesn't open until March?	
25. If a world language is not offered in person at the HS level, can they take the course at school through NCVPS?	<p>The school principal has final approval on all courses taken by their students, including which NCVPS language courses their students may take.</p> <p>NCVPS offers high school credit World Language courses in nine languages, and the available levels vary by language. All questions about NCVPS should be referred to Amanda Aycoth in Advanced Studies (amanda.cherry@cms.k12.nc.us).</p>
26. My student is currently in a magnet elementary school in the TD program (enrolled through lottery) will she automatically be transferred to a TD program middle school if I do not enter in the lottery or will she be placed in zone school?	Elementary AIG students at LI/TD schools have a guaranteed continuation in an IB middle school within their transportation zone. We encourage parents to reach out to their school's LI/TD coordinator for transition support.
27. My child is a 4th grade student at a magnet elementary school but was removed from the magnet program as that magnet school also serves as our neighborhood school based on address. When it comes time to enroll in middle school, will we need to newly apply for the magnet lottery in order to continue that program?	Although the two programs are housed in the same building, yes, you would need to reapply for the magnet lottery to be considered for the middle school magnet program.
28. My student's middle school doesn't have honors social studies or science,	Honors social studies and science are not offered in middle school; however, the middle school teachers are able to differentiate. Not taking honors science and social studies in middle school will not be an automatic barrier

just regular, will he automatically be able to get into honors or AP history?

for the student being able to take honors or AP World History in high school.