



Friday, January 31, 2020

Good Afternoon KCSMA Community,

Greetings on this rainy Friday. Today was a great day for the indoor STEM in Wonderland activities. It seemed as though students found the day as exciting as our staff did! As promised, KCSMA will continue to maintain academic excellence throughout the current 2019/20 year, while also providing families information for educational options next year.

Hopefully families who attended the information session with Cherokee Charter Academy and/or the Charter School Expo at Ivy Prep gained valuable resources on school choice in the Atlanta area. The "school choice table" in the front lobby is slowly filling with literature from both charter and private schools. Be sure to check it out.

We are pleased to announce that representatives from Cobb County School District will be holding informational meetings for parents at KCSMA on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020** and **Wednesday, April 15, 2020**. The meetings will run from **6:00pm-7:00pm**

Attending one, or both, of these meetings is recommended for all parents. CCSD staff will be available to answer parent questions regarding school choice (HB251, mentioned in the previous email below) and the student transfer process.

As a helpful reminder, the **School Choice Transfer** application window opens this Monday, February 3 and closes February 29. If you have questions about School Choice Transfers (HB251), please plan to attend the February 12th meeting, since it is the only one before the application deadline.

The leadership of KCSMA remains steadfast to our commitment to work with Cobb County and our community to ensure a seamless transition for all students next year. The last day of school operation will be June 30, 2020. Until then, we will maintain business as usual. For enrollment questions or information about student records, you can contact KCSMA Data Clerk, Ms. Robin Britt, at enrollment@kcsma.net

Sincerely,
Annette Higgins, Executive Director

Friday, January 17, 2020

Dear KCSMA families,

While we continue to finish out the remainder of this school year strong, we must also plan for the future. To that end, there are several choices KCSMA students will have for education in the next school year and beyond. We thought it would be helpful to share some of these options.

Charter Schools:

Students living in Georgia are eligible to attend any of the state commissioned charter schools.

The International Academy of Smyrna is a state commissioned charter school located at 2144 South Cobb Drive in Cobb County. Their curriculum features experiential (hands –on) learning, service learning, global citizenship, and foreign language at every grade level and serves students K-5. Their enrollment window is now open and you can register until February 22nd. Their lottery will be held February 25, 2020. If you would like more information about this school or enrollment their website address is www.iasmyrna.org .

Cherokee Charter Academy is a State Commission Charter School located at 2126 Sixes Road in Cherokee County. As a state charter school they can accept any students living in Georgia, including those in Cobb County. Their curriculum is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) based and features individualized learning plans, project based learning (including an in-school garden and 2 science labs) and foreign language and music at each grade level. They serve students K-8. Their enrollment window is now open and you can apply until February 15th. Their lottery is February 24, 2020. If you would like more information about this school or enrollment their website is www.cherokeecharter.org . As a courtesy to our families, Cherokee Charter has agreed to conduct a parent information session in the KCSMA media center on January 27, 2020 at 5:00pm. Any families curious about Cherokee Charter Academy are invited to attend.

The Georgia Charter School Association is hosting the **Atlanta Charter School Expo** on Saturday, January 25 from 10:00am-1:00pm. This free, family-friendly event will be held at Ivy Preparatory Academy. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Cobb County School District:

School attendance zones are established by the Cobb County Board of Education. Students are required to attend the school within the established attendance zone in which they reside, unless an exception is granted in compliance with federal and state laws, State Board of Education rules and Cobb County School District rules. These exceptions include a student's attendance at a magnet school, family moves that occur during the school year, assignment of children of employees, student legal issues, and extreme medical/emotional situations at a student's home school, and school choice. [Click here for details.](#)

School Choice Transfers: *Cobb County school district residents can apply for a school choice transfer, called an HB 251. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be accepted February 3 - 29, 2020. If there are more applications received than spaces available at a particular school, a lottery will be held. [Click here](#) for more information and to find the application beginning February 3.*

Home-Zoned Schools: *KCSMA leadership has been working with the Cobb District to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for all our students returning to their zoned school. We hope to have counselors from the local CCSD schools visit campus to meet with KCSMA families transferring to their schools next year. We will share those details as they are worked out.*

In the coming weeks you will notice a "School Choice Table" in the front lobby. There, you will find information about a variety of schools in the area that your family can consider including public and private schools.

We look forward to finishing a great year with your students and will miss them next year, but we will continue to help you plan and prepare and to provide you information on opportunities for your students as we receive it.

Best regards,

The KCSMA Governing Board and Admin Team



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