

## **Frequently Asked Questions New K-8 School at New Hampstead**

### **Which schools will be impacted by the opening of the new school K-8 school?**

*We are currently working to identify students for enrollment at the new K8 School. Our goal is to ensure proper enrollment numbers that support an ideal school capacity level for the delivery of high-quality educational services.*

### **Will parents be notified if their child(ren) will attend the new K-8 school?**

*Yes, all parents will be notified if their child(ren) will attend the new K-8 school by US mail and electronically.*

### **When will the board vote on which students will attend the new K-8 school?**

*The board will be presented with proposals as soon as our team completes the process of selecting the neighborhoods from which students will be zoned for the new K-8 school. The vote is scheduled for the April 14 board meeting. An informational presentation was provided at the March 3, 2021, board meeting and is publicly available by visiting the “BoardDocs” section of the District’s website. You can access the presentation [here](#).*

### **How many students will be selected to attend the new K-8 school?**

*The school is being built to accommodate up to 1,500 students; however, the goal is not to fill the school to this capacity level immediately as the anticipation for growth in this area is extremely high.*

### **What are some of the features of the new school?**

*The 182,000 square-foot school will have 93 classrooms, a “smart” media center, a full-size gymnasium, and adaptable technology. The modern design will complement the environment, and blend with the New Hampstead High School to create a multi-campus setting for students to progress.*

### **How often does the District make attendance zone changes?**

*SCCPSS regularly reviews enrollment trends, population data, and growth indicators to adapt to changing market conditions. This review is done in a manner that seeks to address school capacity levels for the support of effective teaching and learning.*

### **Why is the District opening a new K8 School?**

*The new K8 School is part of the District’s strategic plan in response to community indicators that show rapid growth in western Chatham County. The construction of the school was included on the project list that Chatham County voters approved under the ESPLOST III referendum in November of 2016.*

**When is the school scheduled to open?**

*The construction schedule targets school opening for August 4, 2021; however, due to weather conditions that have had an impact on construction activity, there is a possibility that the school opening will be delayed. The District is working to ensure there are no significant project delays. If a new opening date is necessary, parents of students identified for enrollment will be notified.*

**What are the school colors and mascot?**

*These are exciting aspects of launching a new school and we are working to finalize these aspects of the project. Western Chatham County families will soon have an opportunity to provide feedback on these items and contribute to the successful opening of this new school! We will soon be providing a survey for your feedback.*

**Is there an application process to get in the school?**

*No. A new attendance zone will be created for students in the proximity.*

**Will there be clubs at the new K-8?**

*Yes! We will have a variety of club activities for all ages.*

**Will there be a music program?**

*Yes. The school will have General Music, Chorus, and Band.*

**What will the classroom size be?**

*A minimum of 750 square feet.*

**What is the teacher to student ratio?**

*Approximately 25:1*

**Are there programs for gifted students?**

*Yes.*

**Tell me about the communication between parents and teachers. How often?**

*Weekly. A weekly newsletter will be posted to our school website (via PeachJar), callouts will also be used often.*

**What mediums of communication are used most?**

*Website postings, social media and communication via PeachJar (email)*

**How do fine arts fit into the curriculum?**

*Students will participate in fine arts classes as a part of their regular day schedule.*

**What fine arts classes are offered?**

*Art, music, chorus, band—in addition, Physical Education and Health, technology, foreign languages, and we are hopeful we can offer an agriculture program.*

**How much time is spent in fine arts classes per week?**

*Approximately 5 hours a week (1 hour a day)*