

Lancaster City Schools Announces Elementary Redistricting Plan

The elementary redistricting plan for the five new elementary schools will be presented at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, October 28th at 5:30 pm at 111 S. Broad St. Board of Education meetings are open to the public and parents are always welcome to attend. Board of Education meetings are also televised on the Lancaster Schools Network (LSN) live and on Wednesdays at 4pm and Monday evenings after City Council meetings. LSN is located on channel 9 through Time Warner Cable. We will also post the video recording of the redistricting presentation from the Board of Education meeting on our website at www.lancaster.k12.oh.us and in our weekly district newsletter on Friday Oct. 31st. You can subscribe to our district newsletter by signing up for the district listserv on our website under the Parents & Students tab.

The redistricting plan is based on balancing the student numbers between the buildings in the most economical manner. Since the district will be moving from 8 elementary buildings into 5 larger buildings, - students will not all move together from their present building into a new building. In other words, most present schools will be split between two or three new schools.

The five new elementary schools are Gorsuch West, Mt. Pleasant, Tarhe Trails, Medill, and Tallmadge. The first three of these buildings, Gorsuch West, Mt. Pleasant, and Tarhe Trails will be ready for students for the next school year. At the end of this school year, the present Medill and Tallmadge schools will be demolished and construction will begin on the new Medill and Tallmadge buildings. These buildings are scheduled to be ready for students in January of 2017.

Listed below are the locations of students in the new elementary schools. For quick reference, we have also included a chart that describes the same information at the end of this document.

- Students presently attending Cedar Heights will attend the Gorsuch West Elementary School.
- Students presently attending East who live on the north side of Main St. and beyond will attend Mt. Pleasant Elementary School while students attending East who live on the south side of Main St. and beyond will attend the new Tallmadge Elementary School.
- Students presently attending Medill who live south of Fair Ave. to the west side of Sheridan Drive, as well as those living west of St. Rt. 37 and beyond will attend Mt. Pleasant. The remaining students presently attending Medill will attend the new Medill Elementary School.
- Students presently attending Sanderson who live south of Main St. will attend the new Tallmadge Elementary School while the remaining Sanderson students will attend the new Medill School.
- Students presently attending South who live on the north side of Main St. and beyond will attend Mt. Pleasant while students attending South who live on the south side of Main St. and beyond will attend the new Tallmadge.
- Students presently attending Tallmadge will attend the new Tallmadge Elementary School.
- Students presently attending Tarhe will attend the new Tarhe Trails Elementary School.
- Students presently attending West who live north of Fair Ave. and students living south of Fair Ave. between Beck's Knob and Ety Rd north of St. Rt. 188 will attend Tarhe Trails. Students presently attending West who live west of Memorial Dr. beginning on the north side of Sixth Ave. to the east side of Garfield Ave. to the south side of Seventh Ave. to the west side of Slocum Ave. to the south side of Fair Ave. will attend Mt. Pleasant. Students who presently attend West who live south of Fair Ave. except those sections listed above will attend Gorsuch West.

The pre-school students will attend the new Medill School.

GALES gifted students in fourth and fifth grades will attend the new Medill School or Tarhe Trails. GALES students coming from Gorsuch West, Mt. Pleasant, and the new Tallmadge will attend Medill or Tarhe. GALES classes are based on the numbers of students who qualify for the GALES gifted program. The locations of the two GALES programs will be subject to change if the district experiences an increase in student enrollment in the Tarhe Trails and/or Medill attendance areas.

Special needs students who are presently enrolled in special classrooms will attend the following schools:

- Students presently attending the autistic classroom at West will attend the new Medill Elementary School.
- Students presently attending the CD classrooms at Cedar Hts and Tarhe will attend the new Tarhe Trails Elementary School.
- Students presently attending the BSU classrooms at Sanderson will attend Mt. Pleasant Elementary School.
- Students presently attending the MD classrooms at Medill and West will attend Gorsuch West Elementary School.
- English Second Language (ESL) students presently attending multiple buildings will attend the new Tallmadge Elementary School.

For Next School Year (2015-2016) & First Half of 2016-2017 school year, the students who will be attending the new Tallmadge Elementary School will attend West Elementary School. The present Medill students who are not moving to Mt. Pleasant will attend East Elementary School. The present Sanderson students who are not moving to the new Tallmadge will remain at Sanderson. The GALES students who will be assigned to the new Medill will attend Sanderson. The autistic students who will attend the new Medill will attend East. The current Chief Tarhe Elementary School will house the pre-school.

The junior high school attendance areas have not changed and will remain the same as they presently are. This means that students attending the new Tallmadge Elementary School who live on the east side of St. Rt. 33 and beyond will attend Thomas Ewing and students who live on the west side of St. Rt. 33 and beyond will attend General Sherman. The students presently in the West attendance area that will attend Mt. Pleasant (described above) will attend General Sherman while the remainder of the students attending Mt. Pleasant will attend Thomas Ewing. A breakdown is listed below.

Thomas Ewing will comprise students from:

Sanderson

Medill

Mt. Pleasant (except the students presently in the West attendance area)

Tallmadge (split between both junior highs)

General Sherman will comprise students from:

Tarhe Trails

Gorsuch West

Tallmadge (split between both junior highs))

LANCASTER CITY SCHOOLS REDISTRICTING PLAN

Current School, Program or Residence	New School	Starting Date at New Location	Temporary Location for 2015-16 & first half of 2016-17 School Year
CEDAR HEIGHTS	Gorsuch West Elementary	August 2015	n/a
TARHE	Tarhe Trails Elementary	August 2015	n/a
TALLMADGE	New Tallmadge Elementary	January 2017	West Elementary
EAST			
Live on the north side of Main St. and beyond	Mt. Pleasant Elementary School	August 2015	n/a
Live on the south side of Main St. and beyond	New Tallmadge Elementary	January 2017	West Elementary
MEDILL			
Live south of Fair Ave. to the west side of Sheridan Drive	Mt. Pleasant Elementary	August 2015	n/a
Live west side of St. Rt. 37 and beyond	Mt. Pleasant Elementary	August 2015	n/a
Those who DO NOT live in the locations above	New Medill Elementary	January 2017	East Elementary
SOUTH			
Live on the north side of Main St. and beyond	Mt. Pleasant Elementary	August 2015	n/a
Live on the south side of Main St. and beyond	New Tallmadge Elementary	January 2017	West Elementary
SANDERSON			
Live on the south side of Main St and beyond	New Tallmadge Elementary	January 2017	West Elementary
Do not live south of Main St.	New Medill Elementary	January 2017	Sanderson
WEST			
Live on the north side of Fair Ave. and beyond	Tarhe Trails Elementary	August 2015	n/a
Live south of Fair Ave. between Beck's Knob and Ety Rd north of St. Rt. 188	Tarhe Trails Elementary	August 2015	n/a
Live west of Memorial Dr. beginning on the north side of Sixth Ave. to the east side of Garfield Ave. to the south side of Seventh Ave. to the west side of Slocum Ave. to the south side of Fair Ave.	Mt. Pleasant Elementary	August 2015	n/a
Live south of Fair Ave. except those listed above	Gorsuch West Elementary	August 2015	n/a

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SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS			
Autistic Classroom at West	New Medill Elementary	January 2017	East Elementary
CD Classrooms at Cedar Heights and Tarhe	Tarhe Trails Elementary	August 2015	n/a
BSU Classrooms at Sanderson	Mt. Pleasant Elementary	August 2015	n/a
MD Classrooms at Medill & West	Gorsuch West Elementary	August 2015	n/a
All ESL (English Second Language) Students at Multiple Buildings	New Tallmadge Elementary	January 2017	West Elementary
All Pre-School Students	New Medill Elementary	January 2017	Current Chief Tarhe Elementary
LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL	UNCHANGED	OPEN	n/a
THOMAS EWING JR HIGH	UNCHANGED (see below)	OPEN	n/a
GENERAL SHERMAN JR HIGH	UNCHANGED (see below)	OPEN	n/a

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- The GALES students who will be assigned to the new Medill will attend Sanderson until the new Medill school is complete in January 2017.
- The locations of the two GALES programs will be subject to change if the district experiences an increase in student enrollment in the Tarhe Trails and/or Medill attendance areas.

JR HIGH ASSIGNMENTS:

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