

Key Dates for the 2016-17 Lottery Process

January 9, 2016: School Options Fair at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm	
First Lottery	
January 11, 2016	Last day for new students to enroll and be eligible for the First School Options Lottery
December 4, 2015 – January 25, 2016	Application period for the First Lottery
Late - February 2016	Lottery notification letters for First Lottery arrive in homes
Second Lottery	
May 13, 2016	Last day for new students to enroll and be eligible for the Second School Options Lottery
March 7, 2016 – June 6, 2016	Application period for Second Lottery
Late June 2016	Lottery notification letters for Second Lottery arrive in homes
Reassignment/Transfer	
December 4, 2015 – March 18, 2016	Request for Reassignment period for first lottery
December 4, 2015 - July 14, 2016	Request for Transfer period for current CMS students and students who future enrolled by January 11, 2016
February 22, 2016 - July 14, 2016 (Student Placement will enter these enrollments between February 2016 - May 2016)	Request for Transfer period for students who future enrolled after January 11, 2016
June 20, 2016 - July 14, 2016	Request for Reassignment Period for Second Lottery
Reassignments for <u>new</u> students after the Second Lottery	If families wish to be considered for placement in a school other than the home school, they must submit a request for reassignment within 10 days of enrolling.

How to Apply to a Magnet School

- 1- **Enroll in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools**
 - For Participation in the First Lottery by January 11, 2016
 - For Participation in the Second Lottery by May 13, 2016
- 2- **Obtain your child's Identification Number and PIN**
 - This will be mailed to your home a few weeks after enrollment
 - You can call the Magnet Office at 980-343-5030 if you do not receive the ID and PIN numbers needed to participate in the First Lottery
- 3- **Research the Magnet Schools**
 - <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/ci/MagnetPrograms/>
 - Attend the **School Options Fair School Options Fair** at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology on January 9, 2016 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 4- **Enter the School Options Selection Form ONLINE**
 - <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/application>
 - **December 4, 2015 – January 25, 2016 at 10:00 pm (First Lottery)**
 - **March 7, 2016 – June 6, 2016 at 10:00 pm (Second Lottery)**

Please note:

- Transportation will be provided if the magnet school serves the student's identified transportation zone or is a county-wide magnet program.
- Students are only waitlisted for their first choice in the lottery.
- Don't reapply for the 2nd Lottery if you have been waitlisted for your school preference: you will hurt your chances!