

FAQ's from the Secondary A-Z & Programming Committee's Community Update

What is the earliest start date to implement the recommendations being discussed?

August of 2027.

How will the district handle bus transportation for students with special needs?

Red Clay will meet the transportation needs of all students interested in Innovation Center programming.

How many people from the community are on the committee?

There is 1 community member from each of Red Clay's 7 nominating Red Clay zones.

Why wasn't it discussed to absorb the magnet schools(Cab and Conrad) back into Red Clay?

One of the ideas included capping the enrollment at each of these schools. This idea did not generate any interest from the committee.

What prompted the board to create the committee?

After years of under enrollment at one or more of Red Clay's comprehensive schools, the board created the committee to provide recommendations for bolstering enrollment and providing more equitable programming across all schools.

For the recommendation of moving the Dickinson MYP program to Skyline - Would this program be offered to the whole middle school?

Yes, any student enrolled at Skyline or Skyline MYP and interested in the MYP would receive the programming.

What would happen to the current MYP staff at Dickinson?

Any plans involving staffing for all recommendations would involve input from key stakeholder groups including RCEA. Teachers would need to be trained through IB.

Was stakeholder feedback considered in these recommendations?

A survey has gone out to the Red Clay community at-large. The deadline for completion was 6/12/25.

Will there be an application process for students at the comprehensive high schools(JDS and AIH) to participate in programming at the McKean Innovation Center?

No, the plan is for any student interested to have access to this programming.

How would this recommendation of the McKean Innovation Center impact the Meadowood program currently located at McKean?

Relocation of the Meadowood program to another comprehensive high school would involve further discussion with key stakeholders groups. Red Clay is committed to continuing the high level of programming provided by Meadowood.

Will the committee's recommendation result in high school attendance zones (feeder pattern) changes?

Yes, recommendation would result in more “straight line feeder” attendance zones and a more equitable distribution of students.

Would the comprehensive high schools in this model be able to offer more advanced coursework?

Yes, additional enrollment would result in additional staffing to offer more comprehensive college and career courses.

Where would the high school IB program be located?

The high school IB program would remain at Dickinson.

Would Skyline offer Spanish Immersion if MYP moved to Skyline?

Yes, the Skyline immersion program would remain at Skyline.

If McKean closes how would that impact current students?

Students at McKean would attend the school in their new attendance zone.

What if this is implemented and becomes popular. What if enrollment increases at our comprehensive high schools?

The University of Delaware’s state public school enrollment projections indicate a reduction in Red Clay students over the next 30 years. Additionally, at this time, Red Clay has approximately 1000 out of district high school students. The district would cap out of district choice applications if necessary.

Has stakeholder feedback been gathered about moving MYP from Dickinson to Skyline?

Red Clay has created a survey for feedback on the recommendations.

What will the academic and extracurricular implications be for MYP students if the program moves to Skyline?

Students will continue to have their same middle school programming and any additional programs offered at Skyline.

Why was McKean chosen as the Innovation Center?

McKean facilities include diverse high quality career and technical spaces. Additionally, the school is centrally located between Dickinson and AI High..

At times 12 of 19 voted(those in attendance) - that’s only 63% of the committee. The missing votes could potentially change those votes and recommendations. Why were the remaining members unable to vote?

They were not in attendance at those meetings.

With the sports at a home school, no buses would leave for away games before 2:10?

Transportation is one of many considerations that will need to be realized if the plan moves forward.

If a student is choices to Dickinson MYP, but does not wish to attend Skyline for MYP will they be notified of the program change while the choice window is open?

Yes

What would happen to the students that currently feed to Skyline? Would Skyline still exist as a feeder or would MYP take over the building?

Skyline would still exist as an attendance zone school.

What are the next steps?

The committee is currently scheduled to present to the school board at the July 9, 2025 school board meeting. The school board would have to vote to move forward with the recommendation.