



Red Clay Attendance-Zone & Programming Committee Current Recommendation to the School Board

Core Principles

- **Alignment of Attendance-Zones:** Create straight line feeder patterns that align high school attendance zones with existing middle school attendance-zones.
- **Balanced Enrollment:** Distribute students equitably across attendance-zone high schools.
- **Program Equity:** Ensure that all students, regardless of high school, have access to high-quality academic and extracurricular programs.

Program Change #1: Establish the “Thomas McKean Innovation Campus”

The committee recommends that Thomas McKean High School be reimagined as the **Thomas McKean Innovation Campus** through expanded partnerships with local colleges, universities, and the business community. This flagship hub will provide coursework in the following areas:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Industry-standard credentialing programs
- Early college credit opportunities

As part of this change:

- The number of comprehensive **high school attendance-zone schools would be reduced from three to two: Alexis I. duPont High School and The John Dickinson School.**
- These two comprehensive high schools would split the Red Clay high school attendance-zones equally, allowing for increased enrollment and **more robust academic and extracurricular offerings.**
- These two attendance-zones better align with middle school attendance-zones, allowing for **straight line feeder patterns from middle school to high school.**
- **Short shuttle bus transportation** would be provided from AI High and Dickinson to the McKean Innovation Campus for career, technical, and early college coursework.

Program Change #2: Relocate the John Dickinson Middle Years Program (MYP)

To allow for increased high school enrollment at The John Dickinson School, the committee recommends relocating the **MYP middle school program from Dickinson to Skyline Middle School**, allowing for a more balanced enrollment across the middle schools.

Additional Recommendations for Future Consideration

- **Middle School Attendance-Zones:** Reevaluate middle school attendance-zones, especially as they pertain to the **Warner Elementary School community**, to improve feeder pattern continuity and equity.
- **Virtual High School Programming:** Explore the development of **virtual high school coursework** to expand flexibility and learning opportunities for Red Clay students.