

# Restart FAQ's

## 1. What is Restart?

The Restart Model allows for a local Board of Education to operate a school with the same exemptions from statutes and rules as a charter school authorized under Article 14A. A school operated under this subdivision remains under the control of the local board of education, and employees assigned to the school are employees of the local school administrative unit with the protections provided by part 3 of Article 22.

## 2. Will Cooper and North Johnston Middle become charter schools?

No. The Johnston County Board of Education has applied for both of these schools through the NC State Board of Education to have special allowances under NC Law. If approved, this action will allow both schools greater flexibility in areas such as finance, calendar, and curriculum. Both Cooper and NJMS will still be public schools operated by the Johnston County Board of Education.

## 3. Will students have to apply to attend?

No. These schools will continue to serve the community and attendance area they have traditionally served.

## 4. Do teachers have to be “highly qualified” to teach in these schools?

Johnston County Schools is committed to providing the best educational environment for all children at all schools. Teachers will be hired at both schools that have college degrees in the areas that they will be teaching. The Restart law will allow for greater flexibility in the actual license. For instance, a teacher that has always taught high school math may now qualify to teach middle school math, whereas before there could have been complications in licensing.

## 5. What does Restart mean for each site?

Both schools are in the planning phases and are awaiting approval from the NC State Board of Education. Calendar modifications, school day modifications, and curriculum changes are being explored. Schools will be publishing site specific plans on their websites.

## 6. Will Johnston County Board of Education policies continue to be used at both schools?

Yes. These schools will continue to operate under the control of the Johnston County Board of Education.

## 7. Will school transportation be provided?

Yes. Both schools will continue to be served using the same transportation services.

## 8. Will students have access to school lunch?

Yes. Johnston County Schools Child Nutrition will continue to serve the same role in both schools.

## 9. Will athletics be available at NJMS?

Yes. The same athletic opportunities will still be available at NJMS.

## 10. Will these schools offer services to children being served through the Exceptional Children program?

Yes. Johnston County Schools will follow all state and federal guidelines and students will receive services as the various programs prescribe and require.