

Dear Parents,

Students who wish to attend Wando High School in 2020-2021, but are zoned for Lucy Beckham High School, will need to fill out transfer paperwork with the Charleston County School District during the transfer window of March **1-31, 2020**.

Parents can find more information about the transfer process here: <https://www.ccsdschools.com/Page/232>

CCSD Policy JFABC is the policy that will apply to this situation. The link is currently being updated, so you may want to check the link above after March 1, 2020.

Under this policy, any student that would like to attend a school that offers programs not offered at their home school may request a transfer. This request will go to the District 2 Constituent Board. We have been working with the constituent school board, and the members were receptive to granting transfers for students wishing to go to Wando for band. Lucy Beckham High will have a band program; however, they will not have competitive performance ensembles (like Wando) for the first few years (per Anna Dassing, Beckham principal).

Earlier this month, the principals of both Wando & Beckham asked the constituent board to create a special policy exception for band & varsity football students, but the constituent board did not want to upset all other sports/clubs/activities who may also want this exception by changing their current policy. They did seem very open & willing to help any band students that want to stay at Wando. If the transfer request is denied, please contact me so the Wando Band Boosters can help you with the appeal process to the CCSD School Board.

When you fill out the paperwork to remain at Wando for band, please include the following:

I would like for my student to attend a school that offers programs not offered at my home school. My student is currently zoned for Lucy Beckham High School, but would like to attend Wando High School in order to be a part of the Wando Band Performance Ensembles.

You will also need to include a letter from the Wando band directors. Please email director@wandobands.org for that letter.

If your child is a current 7th grader zoned for Beckham, he/she would wait until March 2021 to apply for this transfer; however, please send an email to director@wandobands.org with your intent to attend Wando in 2021-2022 (needed for Bands of America classification).

If you have any questions, please contact president@wandobands.org.

Thank you,

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