



Mergers



Merge Mary Church Terrell with Wilbur Wright

Recommendation: Merge Mary Church Terrell with Wilbur Wright

Overview of School Action



Merging Mary Church Terrell with Wilbur Wright will benefit both schools through a higher-quality student experience, including additional courses beyond art, music, and PE – along with expanded sports

Mary Church Terrell

- Mary Church Terrell's enrollment is unsustainably low and declining in a poor condition and small building, limiting the school's ability to offer a robust student experience
- There are available seats in the region that are in good condition buildings and will allow for a higher-quality student experience
- Specifically, students will have a reserved seat at Wilbur Wright, a specialty arts school with a comparable star rating (both 2.5 stars) housed in a larger building in better condition

Wilbur Wright

- Wilbur Wright is in a large building with planned and in-progress investments that can offer more opportunities for students
- Wilbur Wright will continue to serve students in its new location, welcoming students from Mary Church Terrell
- Wilbur Wright will be renamed Wilbur Wright School of the Arts to continue to promote the specialty model of this school

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Transitioning School Data: Mary Church Terrell



Transitioning School Data: Mary Church Terrell		How the data informed the recommendation
K-8 Enrollment (SY 24-25)	● 229	- Enrollment is very low compared to the 450-student target for K-8s 450 is the level at which a school can sustainably offer more opportunities for students, which cannot be achieved in the current building
Enrollment Trend (2019-2025)	● -7%	- Enrollment has fallen, but at a less significant rate than the district median (-12%) - Any enrollment declines for schools so significantly underenrolled warrant close consideration
Building Condition Score	● 49	The building is in unsatisfactory condition, lacks A/C, and would need significant investments to stay open
Building Planning Capacity	● 305	- The building is too small to hold 2 classes per grade which limits enrollment and means this building will not be able to offer a robust student and staff experience, regardless of investments - Even in this smaller building, enrollment is below the building's planning capacity, requiring resources that could otherwise be used for students and staff

K-8 Enrollment

- Strong (>450)
- Low (360-450)
- Very low (<360)

Enrollment Trend

- >0% growth
- 0-12% decline
- >12% decline

Building Condition Score

- Like New/Good >80
- Fair/Poor 60-80
- Unsatisfactory <60

Building Planning Capacity

- Below 450

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Welcoming School Data: Wilbur Wright



Welcoming School Data: Wilbur Wright		How the data informed the recommendation
K-8 Enrollment (SY 24-25)	● 489	- Enrollment is above the 450-student target for K-8s 450 is the level at which a school can sustainably offer more opportunities for students
Enrollment Trend (2019-2025)	● -2%	Enrollment has fallen, but at a less significant rate than the district median (-12%) - Continued enrollment decline threatens the ability to provide a robust student experience in the future
Building Condition Score	● 71	- The building was in fair condition when last assessed in Spring 2025 - Planned and in-progress investments will move the building condition score from Fair to Good, allowing students to be served in an upgraded building
Building Planning Capacity	795	- The building is large enough to hold 3 classes per grade - Achieving strong enrollment will ensure this space is used most effectively for students

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Student Experience



Merging Mary Church Terrell with Wilbur Wright will **allow all students access to additional courses beyond art, music, and PE – along with expanded sports**

	Mary Church Terrell SY 2025-26	Wilbur Wright SY 2025-26	Wilbur Wright (merged) SY 2026-27	
 Course options	3	4	4 or more	} <i>Students will have more academic and extracurricular opportunities available to them</i>
 Sport options	3	5	5 or more	

Additionally, in school year 2026-27, Wilbur Wright will offer:



More options and better participation in **clubs and extracurricular activities**



Continued student supports to meet academic, physical and mental health, and language needs



Space and support for students served in **self-contained special education and PreK classrooms**

Map View



Star rating ★★½

Building condition score	71 (Planned and in-progress investments will improve the building condition score to >80)
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Address 11005 Parkhurst Dr

Distance between schools 0.4 miles

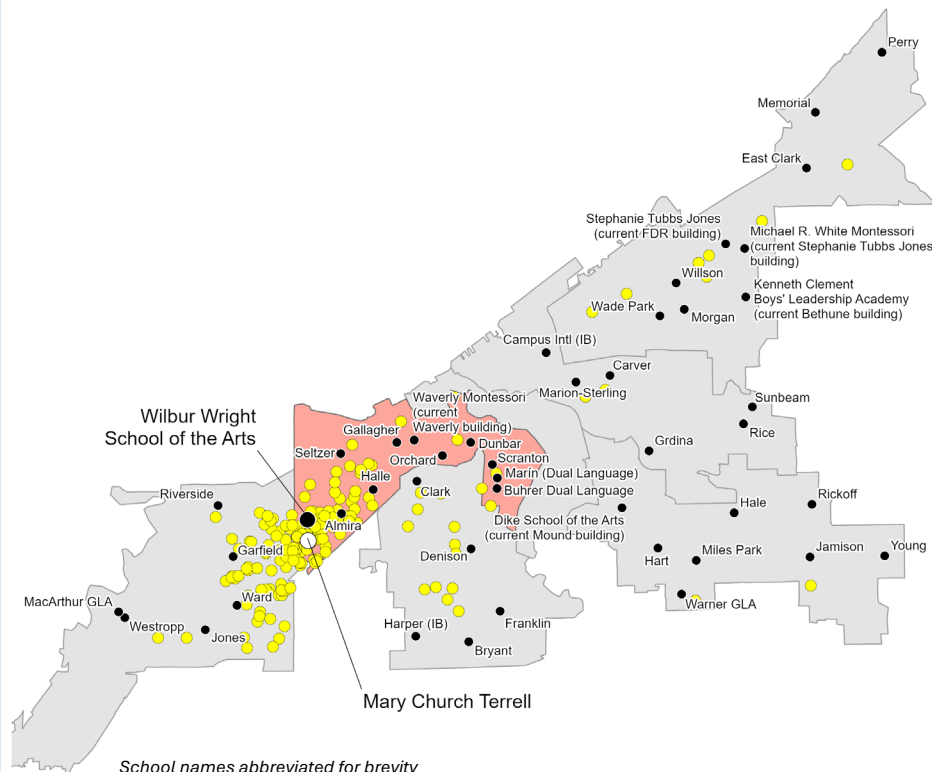
Transportation* Current Mary Church Terrell students who accept this reserved seat and reside within 3 miles of Mary Church Terrell and more than a mile from Wilbur Wright are eligible for transportation to Wilbur Wright for SY 26-27 and SY 27-28.

*All students with transportation-related accommodations on their IEP will continue to receive transportation, regardless of where they live.

○ *Transitioning school location*

- Welcoming school location

● Home address for students attending transitioning school



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Looking Ahead



Transitioning school

Mary Church Terrell students in grades K-7 have a reserved seat at Wilbur Wright and first priority for *available seats* at all other schools during the School Choice Process.

Welcoming school

Wilbur Wright students in grades K-7 do not need to participate in School Choice to remain at their current school.

All current 8th graders across CMSD will continue to be supported in making a high school choice.

Special education single classrooms will still be offered at multiple schools in every region. Families whose children are in these specialized classrooms will get additional outreach and support to enroll.



School choice

Families can use the CMSD School Finder and School Choice Book to better understand their options starting in December.

School Choice will launch in January and run through the end of February.



Leadership

Principals for the 2026-27 school year will be appointed in December.



Staff

Staff assignments will be confirmed in Spring 2026, following the School Choice process.

School staff teams will be merged in alignment with our contractual obligations, enrollment, and the needs of the merged student community.



School community

Students, families, and staff will have opportunities to connect and collaborate around the future of the unified school community over the course of the spring and summer before the start of the 2026-27 school year.