

## CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG SCHOOL DIRECTORIES INVENTORY, 1934-1981

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### ABSTRACT

The Charlotte public school system known today as Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS), began in 1882. The first school for white children was the South School, and the first school for African-American children was Myers Street School. T.J. Mitchell served as the first superintendent of the city school district.

School consolidations began under Superintendent J.W. Wilson, (1944-1960), eventually merging the Charlotte City Schools with the Mecklenburg County Schools in 1960. Charlotte schools continued to be largely segregated, even after the 1954 Supreme Court decision on *Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. *Swann vs. the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education* began in 1965, resulting in the school system's required submission of plans for fully integrating schools. School assignment would continue to be an ongoing issue, however.

Today there are 170 schools in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District, serving over 147,000 students. It is also one of the largest employers in Mecklenburg County, with over 19,000 employees.

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### PREFERRED CITATION

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### REFERENCES

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. "History of CMS."  
<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/mediaroom/aboutus/Pages/History.aspx>

## RELATED MATERIALS

*County Government—Elected Officials—Board of Education.* (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

*Schools—Public.* (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

*Your Guide to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.* Charlotte: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTA's, 1971. (CALL NUMBER: NCR 371.01)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charlotte Mecklenburg School Directories consists of education directories and teachers' handbooks. The collection ranges in date from 1934-1981.

## PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

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