The Larry King Center for Building Children's Futures

Rama Road Elementary Neighborhood Profile

Neighborhood Characteristics

	Rama Road Elementary Feeder Neighborhoods	Mecklenburg County
Population	13,681	944,373
Median Household Income	$18,536 to $91,897	$61,973
Percent Homeowners	73.2%	60.5%
Percent of Persons Receiving Food Assistance	18.3%	17.4%
Percent of Births to Adolescents	0.0% to 6.7%	4.4%
Juvenile Incident Rate per 100,000	0 to 7,651	1,586
Violent Crime Rate per 100,000	0 to 1,686	578
Underemployment	8.6%	9.5%
Students Attending Neighborhood Schools	47.8% to 85.7%	75.4%

The school boundary zone for Rama Road Elementary consists of a part of 8 neighborhood profile areas (see map on reverse). Five of the feeder neighborhoods for Rama Road Elementary have a higher percentage of homeowners than the county average and a lower percentage of residents receiving food assistance. Six of the feeder neighborhoods have a lower incidence of juvenile arrests than the county average, and six have a lower percentage of births to adolescents. A smaller percentage of adults are struggling with un- or under-employment.

School Population

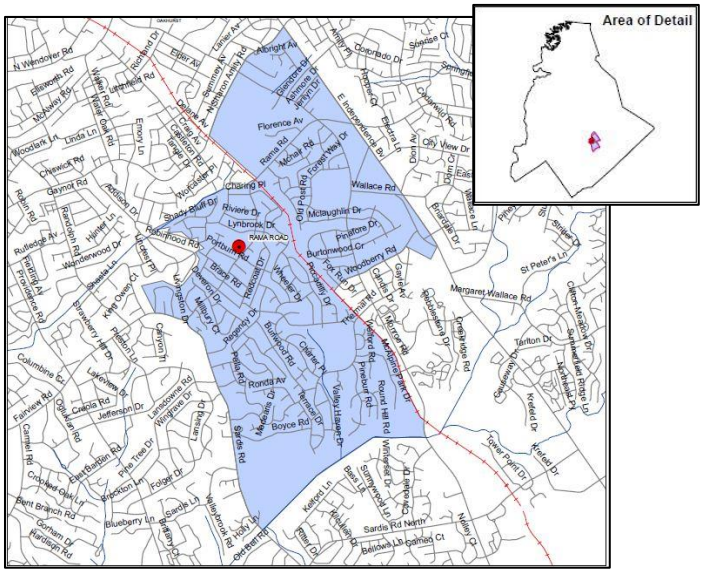
The chart to the right illustrates the demographics of the students served at Rama Road Elementary. There is a much higher percentage of economically disadvantaged students compared to the district as a whole, and Rama Road Elementary students also have a rate of mobility higher than the district average. Poverty and high mobility are correlated with low academic achievement.

	Rama Road Elementary (PK-5)	CMS (PK-12)
Total Students	668	143,578
Asian	3.3%	5.2%
Black	53.3%	41.7%
Hispanic	23.9%	18.4%
White	16.0%	31.6%
Other	3.6%	3.1%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	81.8%	54.3%
Student Mobility Rate	26%	17%

Academic Achievement Indicators

	Rama Road Elementary Feeder Neighborhoods	Mecklenburg County
Percent of Children on Grade Level	46.4% to 92.3%	67.5%
Dropout Rate	0.0% to 12.0%	3.2%
10 or More Unexcused Absences	5.0% to 17.6%	11.0%

Rama Road feeder neighborhoods have a varied percentage of children on grade level and a dropout rate that ranges from higher than the county average to lower than the county average. The percentage of students with 10 or more unexcused absences is higher than the county average in two feeder neighborhoods, indicating some risk for low academic achievement.



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Sources: UNCC Urban Institute; City of Charlotte Quality of Life Study, 2012; Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, 2012

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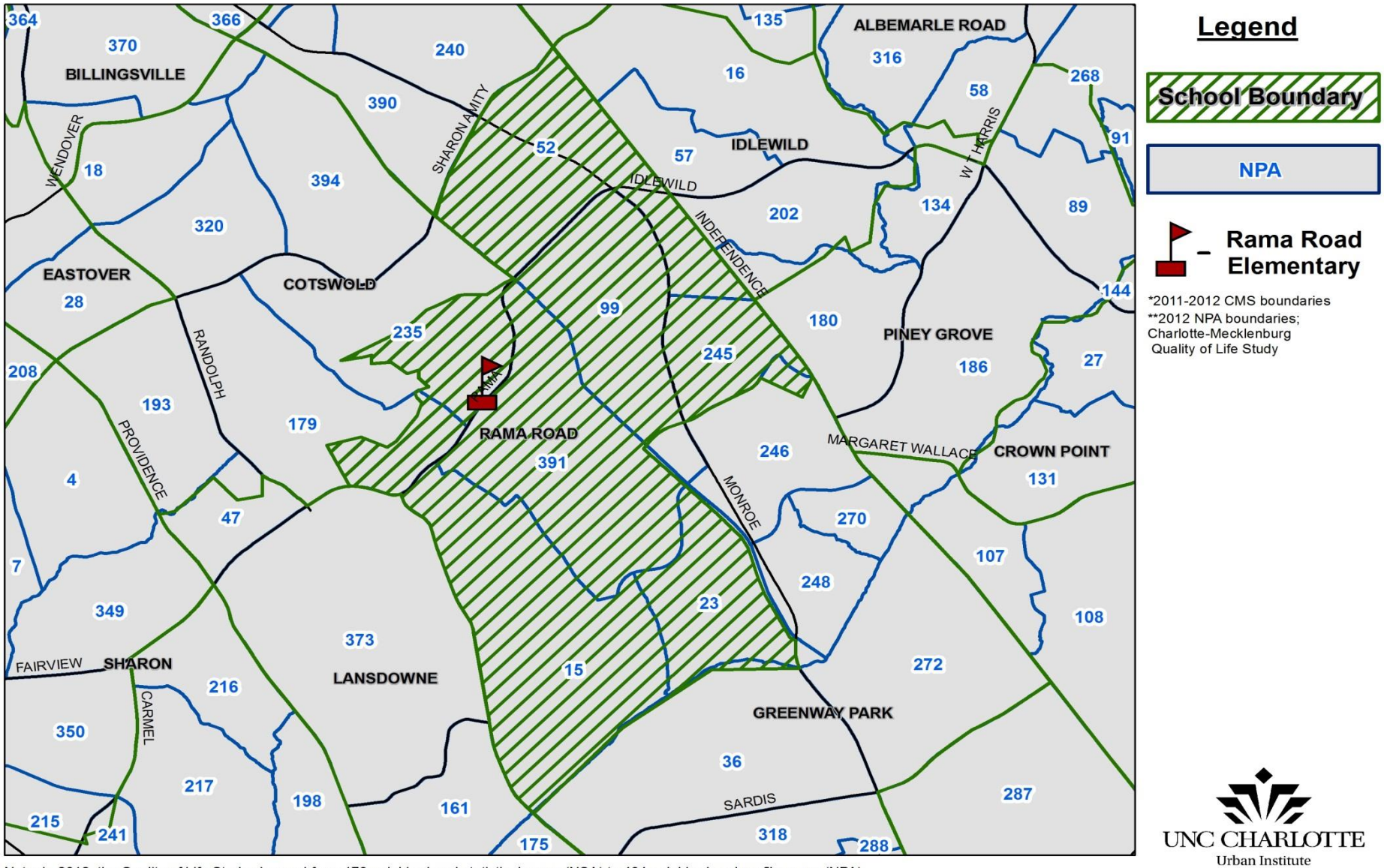

Note: In 2012, the Quality of Life Study changed from 173 neighborhood statistical areas (NSA) to 464 neighborhood profile areas (NPA).

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The NPAs that overlap with the Rama Road Elementary school boundary zone roughly correspond to the following four NSAs from the 2010 QOL: Stonehaven, East Forest, Sherwood Forest, and Idlewild South.