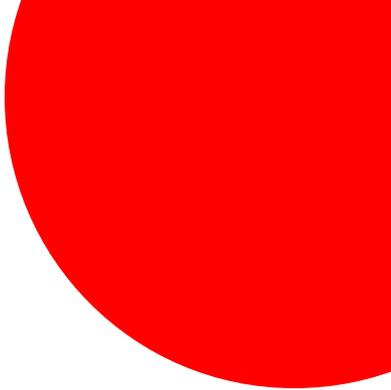




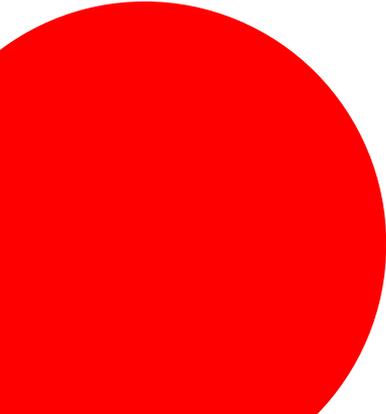
# Ephesus Elementary

Uniting the Community, Strengthening the District



# Ephesus is the solution

*We will show how Ephesus...*

- 
- Provides equity & access for all families
  - Offers true neighborhood school advantages
  - Delivers proven academic excellence
  - Is ready for future growth



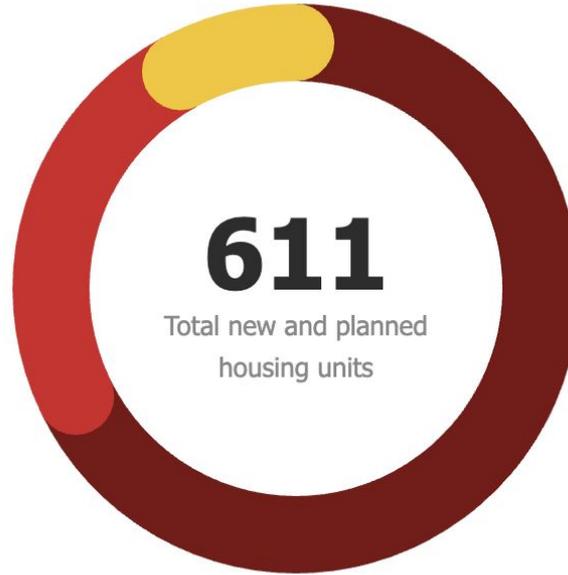
# Equity & Access

# Ephesus is where families can afford to move

- Recent home sales volume and price show that Ephesus is a **thriving community**
- Ephesus recent home sales were \$165,000 **below the median** Chapel Hill average
- Home sales volume was second only to Northside, suggesting families are moving near Ephesus
- Lowest median price indicates that neighborhoods near Ephesus provide opportunities for families without the premium prices that dominate most of Chapel Hill

# Ephesus is near new and planned affordable housing

- Ephesus sits near new and planned development that includes affordable housing



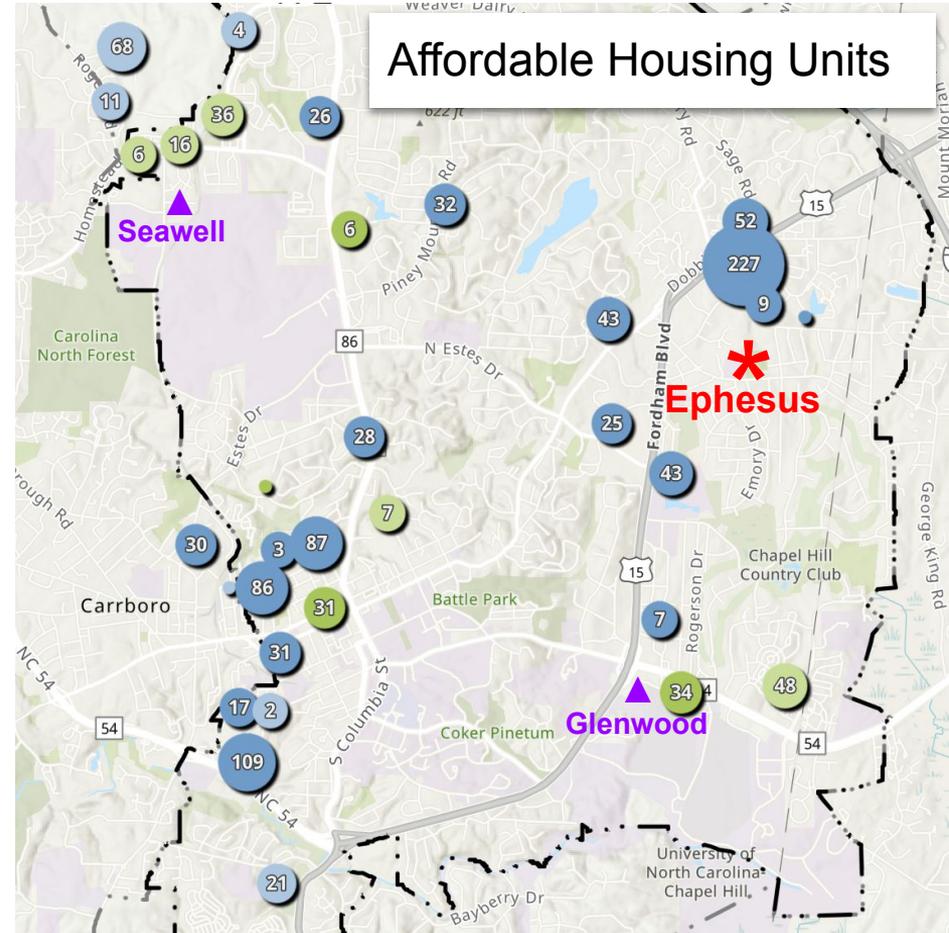
■ **Park Apartments** · 414 units    ■ **Greenfield** · 149 units    **AFFORDABLE**

■ **Longleaf Trace** · 48 units    **AFFORDABLE**    **PLANNED**

Source: <https://www.chapelhillaffordablehousing.org/legion-road>,  
<https://chapelboro.com/news/development/chapel-hill-provides-update-on-construction-of-park-apartments-elliott-road-extension>,  
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# Ephesus is located near affordable housing

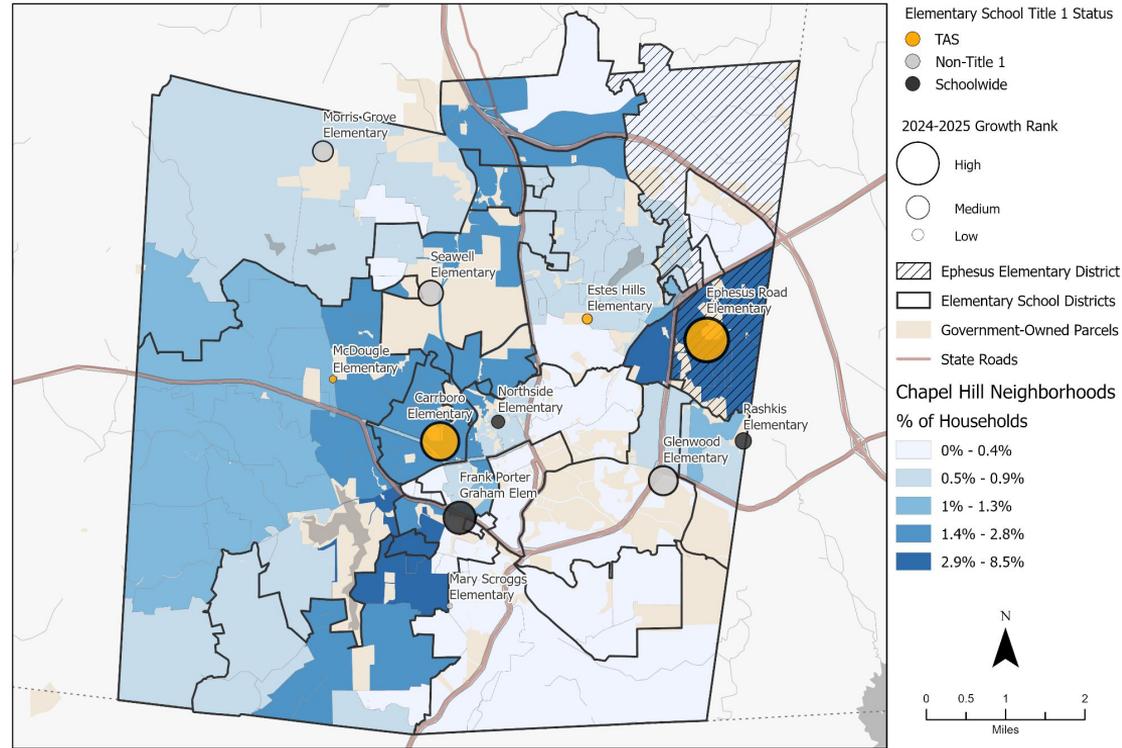
- Ephesus is near the highest density of affordable housing units



# Ephesus serves low income communities

- Ephesus serves neighborhoods with the highest concentration of households receiving public assistance
- Ephesus is a Title 1 school: 37.2% of students at Ephesus qualify for free and reduced lunch

Percent of Households Receiving Public Assistance Income by Neighborhood, 2023



Data Sources:

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# Ephesus is a diverse community

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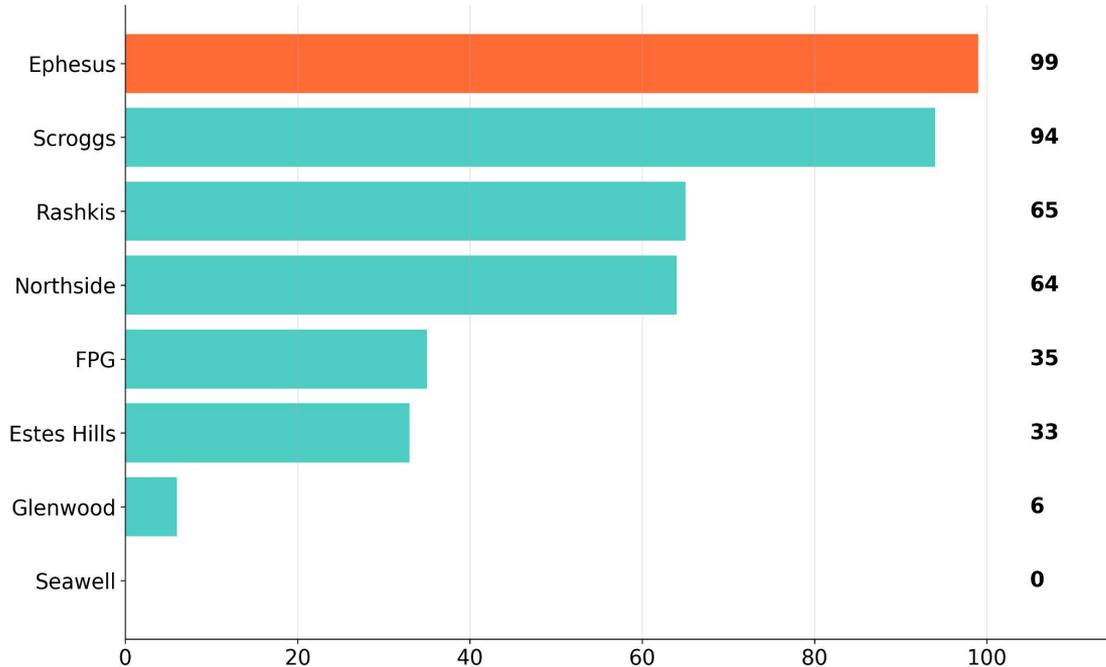
- 50% minority enrollment with representation across multiple groups: 16.3% Black/African American, 14.1%, Hispanic, 13.6% Asian, and 5.3% multiracial students
- 13% Multilingual Learners
- 14.7% Students with Disabilities representing critical special populations that require stable, community-based educational settings
- Home to 2 of the district's 3 EC Pre-K staff members, making Ephesus a critical hub for early childhood special education services serving vulnerable young learners across the district

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# Neighborhood School Advantage

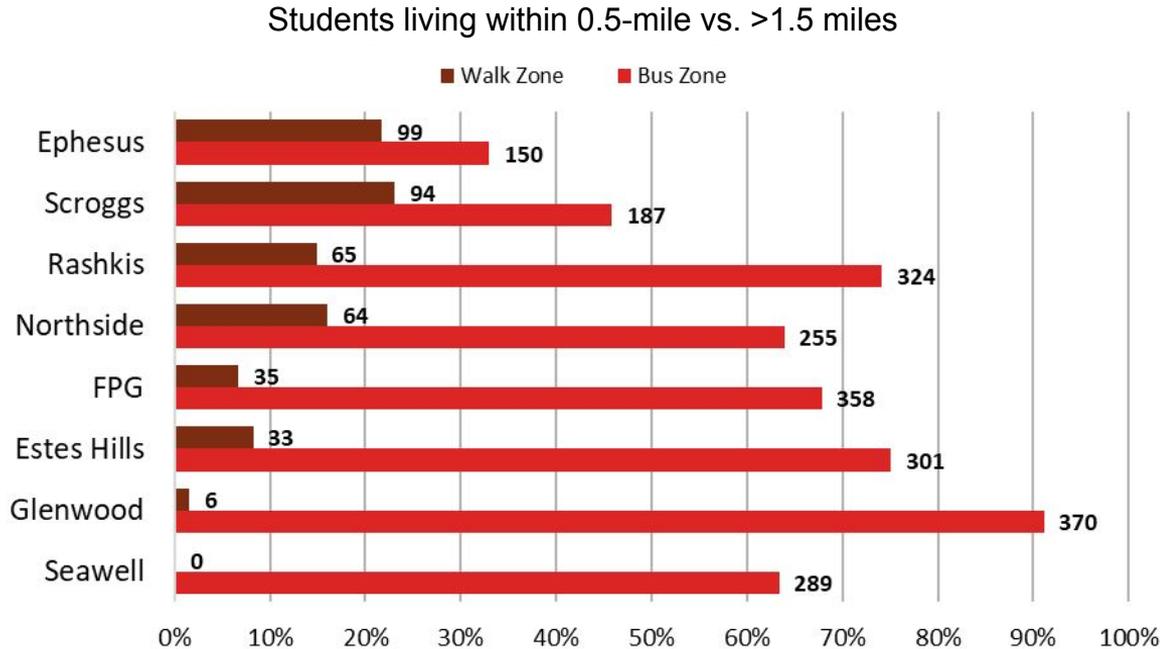
# Ephesus has the most students living nearby

Students living within 0.5-miles



- Ephesus has 99 students within 0.5 miles – more than any other elementary school in Chapel Hill
- Minimal busing is required, saving money compared to potential redistricting
- Ephesus is located in a compact neighborhood with families

# Ephesus limits the need for school bus service



- Ephesus has roughly 150 students eligible for bus transportation – **less** than any other elementary school\*
- (NC statewide costs) \$575/student for 223 newly bussed students → \$120k additional annual costs

Source: [Chapel Hill Safe Routes to School Action Plan 2025, https://ui.charlotte.edu/story/nc-school-buses-roll-compare-ride-times-and-more/](https://ui.charlotte.edu/story/nc-school-buses-roll-compare-ride-times-and-more/)

\*Note that the study was done for the Town of Chapel Hill so it includes Chapel Hill schools in CHCCS only (not Carrboro)

# Ephesus has potential to grow and expand

- Ample open space on campus to accommodate renovation
- Unused classroom space to accommodate more students
- Better traffic distribution than Estes Corridor

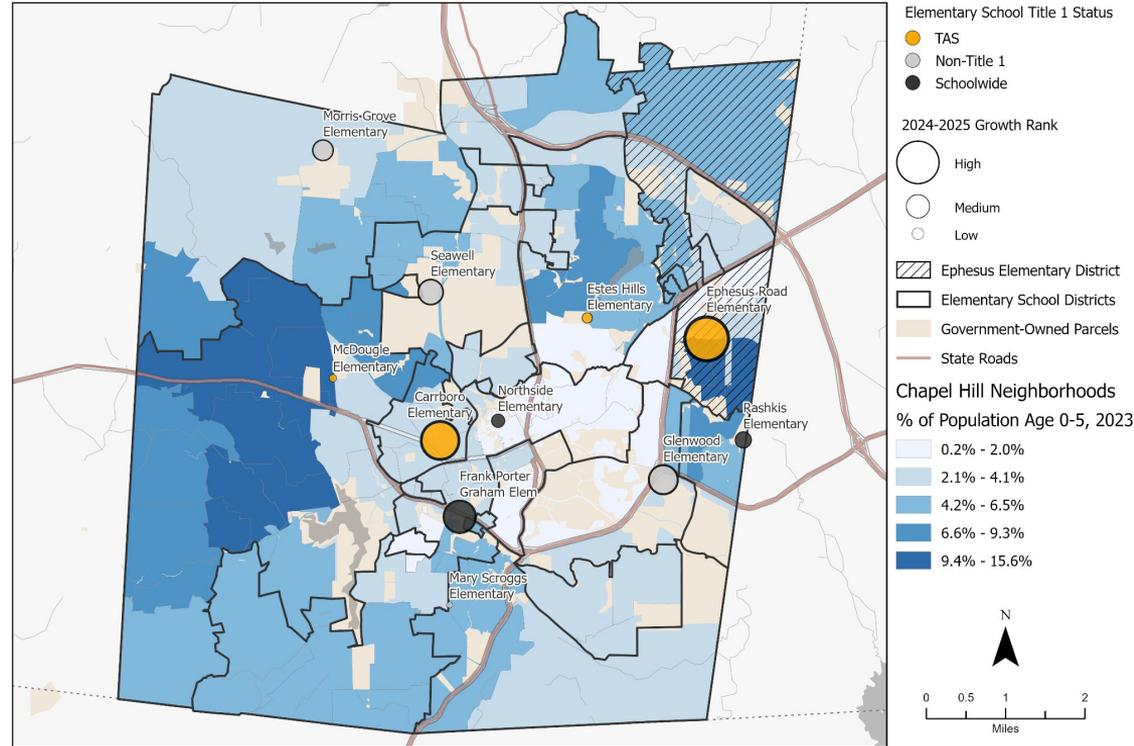


Image source: [Chapel Hill Safe Routes to School Action Plan 2025](#)

# Ephesus has young children nearby

- The neighborhoods near Ephesus have among the highest proportion of young children in Chapel Hill
- Those children can support a growing future enrollment at Ephesus

Percent of Population Age 0-5 by Neighborhood, 2023



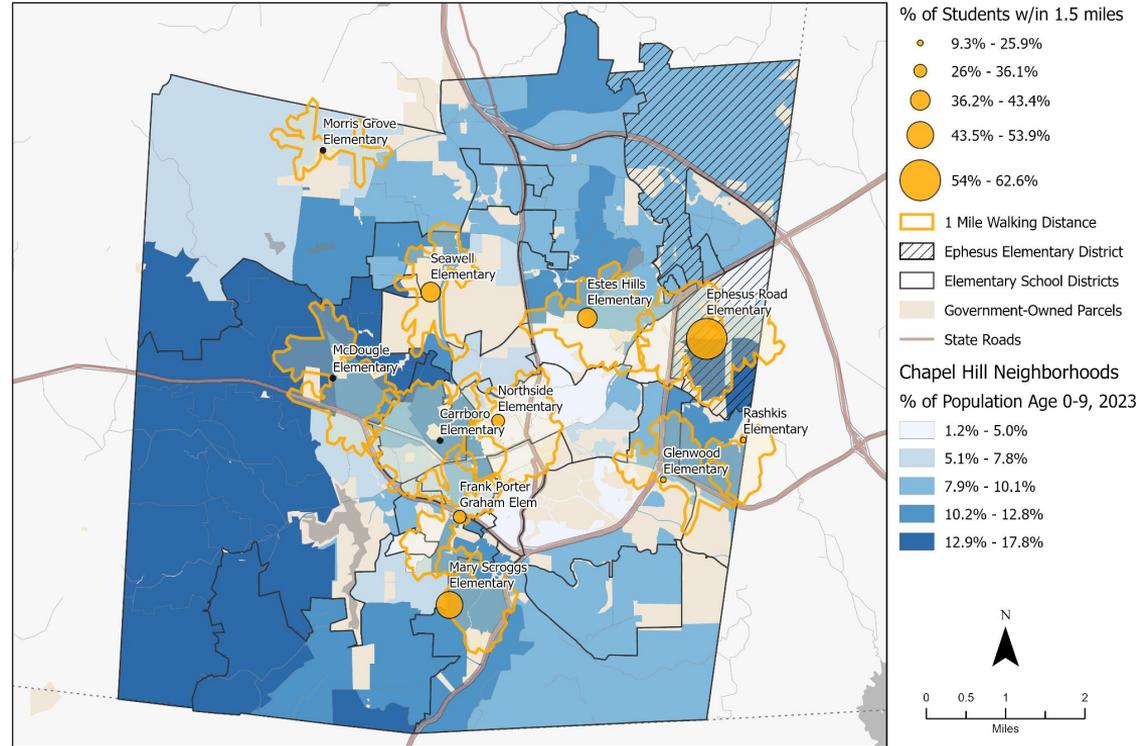
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Percent of Population Age 0-9 by Neighborhood, 2023

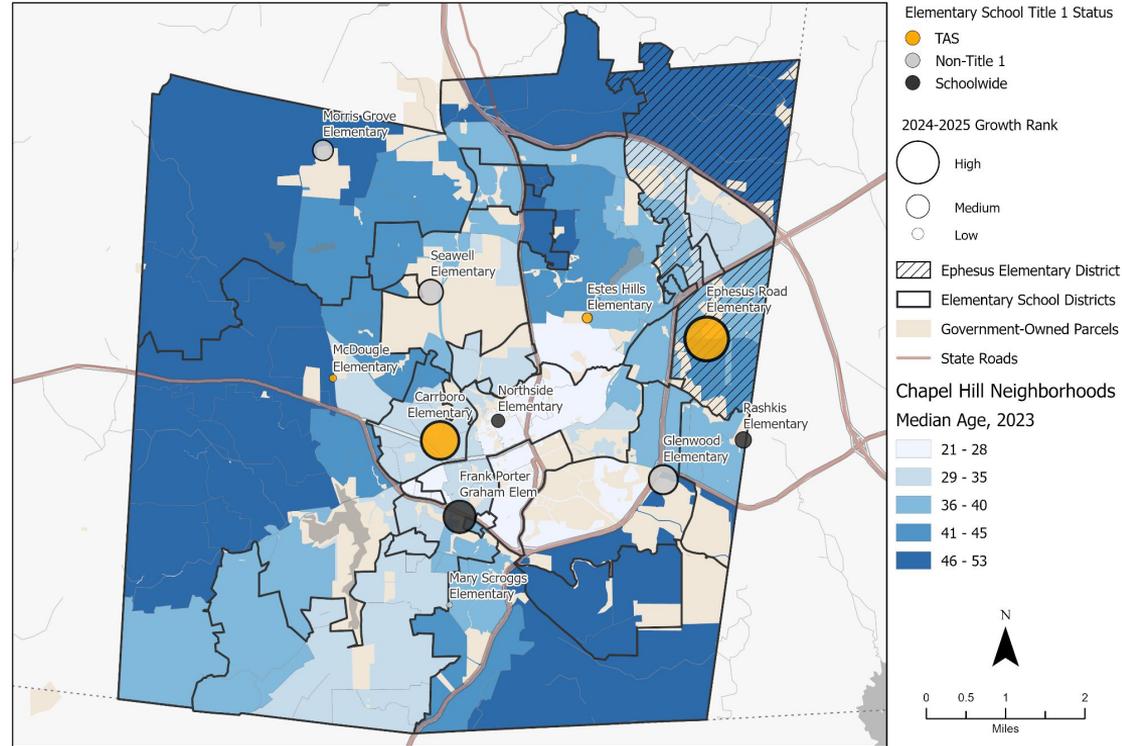


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# Ephesus neighborhoods are younger

- Ephesus has the youngest median age outside UNC campus area

Median Age by Neighborhood, 2023



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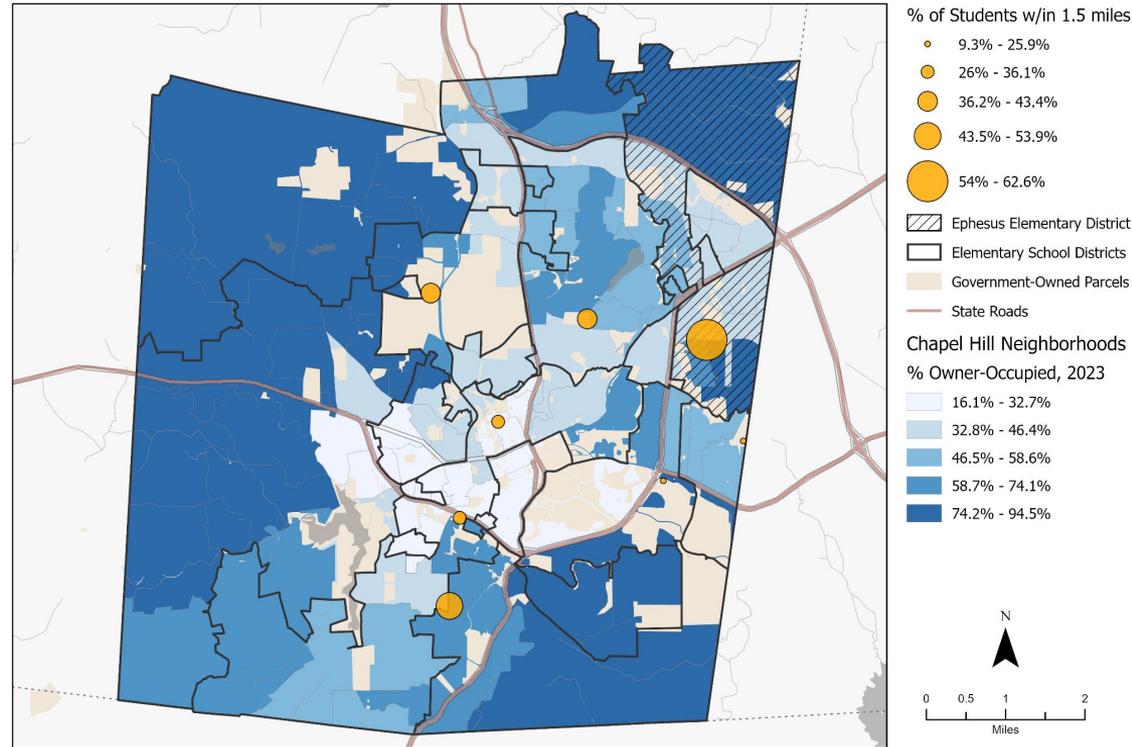
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# Families are invested in Ephesus

- Ephesus has the highest concentration of owner-occupied homes in the urban belt
- Additionally, has the highest percent of students within 1.5 miles

*Families of elementary school aged children are invested in this community and own homes in this area*

## Percent Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Neighborhood, 2023



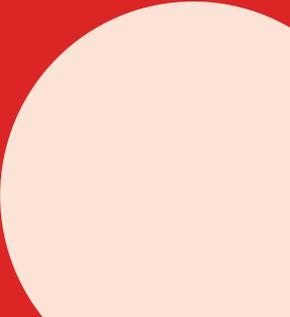
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# Academic Excellence

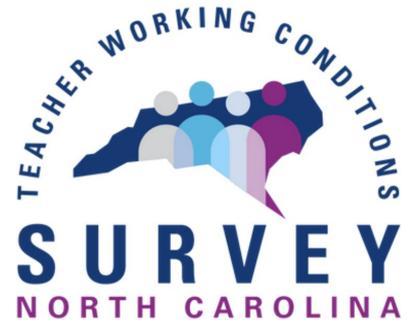
*Reasons for Success*

*Reasons to Stay*



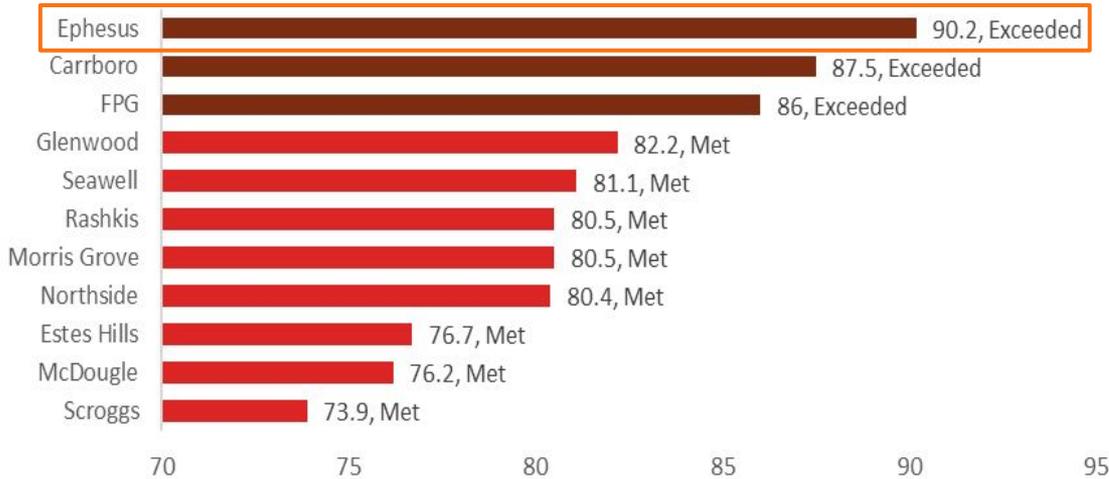
# Ephesus is the reason to stay for teachers

- **98%** of teachers agree Ephesus is a “good place to work and learn”
  - Compared to district (91%) and state (91%)
- **95%** teachers feel supported by the community
  - Compared to district (82%) and state (80%)
- Safety: **lowest** behavioral problem rates in the district



# Ephesus has strong academic growth

2024 - 2025 Growth Score



Source: [North Carolina School Report Cards](#)

- Ephesus had the highest academic growth score of any school in the district.
- Met or exceeded growth targets as measured by EVAAS in every demographic category and in both math and reading
- Steadily increased the number of students with disabilities who show proficiency on EOGs, with a 3-year high in 2025

# Ephesus is projected to maintain enrollment

School Name	Capacity	Enrollment: 2025	Enrollment: 2030	Enrollment: 2035	Utilization: 2025	Utilization: 2030	Utilization: 2035
Carrboro Elementary	518	463	398	386	89%	77%	75%
Ephesus Elementary	436	342	375	363	78%	86%	83%
Estes Hills Elementary	516	324	359	348	63%	70%	67%
FPG Elementary	522	499	508	493	96%	97%	94%
Glenwood Elementary	412	394	420	409	96%	102%	99%
McDougle Elementary	548	469	517	499	86%	94%	91%
Morris Grove Elementary	568	371	340	330	65%	60%	58%
Northside Elementary	568	335	299	288	59%	53%	51%
Rashkis Elementary	568	367	254	247	65%	45%	43%
Scroggs Elementary	558	365	286	277	65%	51%	50%
Seawell Elementary	450	364	325	319	81%	72%	71%

≥ 100%   75% to <100%   60% to <75%   <60%

Ephesus is able to maintain enrollment as a neighborhood school that families are districted to, rather than filling seats through district-wide programs



Source: PMR2; Forecast  
Note: Pre-woolpert capacity

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# Final Remarks

# The Solution is to *Invest* in Ephesus

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- **Equity Champion:** Serves the most affordable neighborhoods (\$165K below Chapel Hill median) with the highest density of affordable housing nearby
- **Title I Excellence:** High-achieving Title I school with 50% minority enrollment, 13% multilingual learners, and home to 2 of the district's 3 EC Pre-K staff
- **True Neighborhood School:** 99 students within 0.5 miles (most in Chapel Hill); only 150 bus-eligible students (fewest) minimizes transportation costs
- **Teacher & Community Support:** 98% of teachers say it's a great place to work (vs 91% district avg); lowest behavioral problems in district
- **Growth Ready:** Ample expansion space, young neighborhoods with growing families, single-story accessibility, and better traffic distribution