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The Wake County Public School System Continues to Grow!

Enrollment in the Wake County Public School System increased to **137,706** on [the 20th day of the 2008-09](#) school year; 3,704 students more than last year (view [20th-day school-by-school numbers](#), [20th-day race/ethnicity by school and district](#), [historic race/ethnic table](#), map of the [2008 new school openings](#), [map](#) | [table](#) of [schools by instructional calendar](#), and the [2008 school map](#)). Wake remains the largest school district in the state, and moved past the San Diego Unified School District to become the nation's [18th largest school district](#). The total number of newcomers is actually in the order of 17,000 students. This includes the new kindergarten cohort, and the 1st-12th grade newcomers who are replacing last year's graduating students, dropouts, those leaving the area, etc.

"Celebrate Your Place in the World on GIS Day!"



(click on a pictures to enlarge it)

The Wake County Public School System in Raleigh, North Carolina, celebrated the ["GIS Day 2008"](#) by organizing a day-long ["Map Gallery and Open House"](#) event in the Central Services Office Building, 3600 Wake Forest Road, Suite 1321, on November 19th, 2008.

The "GIS DAY 2008" event was a great success. The map gallery and multi-media presentation was visited by parents, students, and staff from WCPSS departments. A display of about 30 maps demonstrated a variety of GIS techniques used for planning and demographic studies, and for student assignment. The guest speaker was Mr. Bill Shroyer, GISP, Wake County Planning, who gave an inspirational presentation on how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) help address local and global issues every day. Several staff members expressed interest in access to GIS software, and in GIS courses so that they could start using this magnificent tool as soon as possible.

About 50 people voted on their favorite map, and a drawing was held to select five prize winners ([see the map and prize winners list](#)). Thanks again to all participants in the "GIS DAY 2008" celebration that helped raise awareness of Geographic Information Systems! ([SEE the map exhibition](#))

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First Place: # 9, High school Base Attendance Areas, 2008-09
Author: Maja Vouk, WCPSS Demographics



Second Place: # 18, How GIS Works
Author: Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. 1997



Third Place (shared): #2, Plan 2004 School Building Program
Author: Maja Vouk, WCPSS Demographics



Third Place (shared): #8, Wake County Land Use Plan, Falls Lake
Author: Maja Vouk, WCPSS Demographics

A drawing was held to select five prize-winners. **See the winners** of the **GIS Day Mouse Pad** below:

1. Lenora Garland, Curriculum and Instruction – Voted for map #7,
2. Janelle Newsome, Internal Audit – Voted for map #15,
3. Jackson, Growth and Planning – Voted for map #18,
4. Vickie Spivey Williams, Grants – Voted for map #17,
5. Leigh Wilson, Growth and Planning – Voted for map #2.



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