

There are three large-scale education initiatives currently underway in Mecklenburg County. All three share similar characteristics but each have identified specific focus areas. The first chart details the focus areas of each initiative. The following chart provides a summary of the common elements across all three initiatives.

	Project LIFT	Reid Park Academy Initiative	Boulevard Homes/Hope VI Redevelopment
Focus Areas	Time	Early Childhood	K-8 School
	Talent	Parental Involvement	Mixed Income Housing
	Technology	Health/Mental Health	Child Development Center
	Community Involvement	Human & Social Services	Social Services

Common Elements

All three current education initiatives share common elements and needs:

Common geographical area	Common stakeholders and partners	A desire to be highly impactful and efficient
A holistic approach built on national models	Similar research and data collection needs	A need for ongoing civic infrastructure / community support
Specific emphasis on bold education outcomes	Comprehensive community planning needs	Need for creation of long-term sustainability plan
Community residents that need/desire to be engaged	A need for effective evaluation with an eye toward replication	