

# West Side Schools Deserve Better Than This!

## Contact Your Elected Officials and Tell Them You Oppose Burning Our Garbage

### Elementary School Near Proposed Garbage-to- Energy Gasification Incinerator

Schools in: [North Carolina](#) > [Mecklenburg County](#) > [Charlotte](#)

## Paw Creek Elementary

School District: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#)

**National Rank**  
**13th percentile**  
15,657 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Chemicals most responsible for the toxicity outside this school**

- Sulfuric acid: 29% of overall toxicity
- Hydrochloric acid: 27% of overall toxicity
- Polycyclic aromatic compounds: 9% of overall toxicity
- Manganese and manganese compounds: 8% of overall toxicity
- Diliscyanates: 4% of overall toxicity

**Polluters most responsible for toxics outside this school**

- Duke Energy Corp Riverbend Steam Station, Mount Holly, North Carolina
- Duke Energy Corp Plant Allen, Belmont, North Carolina
- Marshall Steam Station, Terrell, North Carolina
- Siemens Turbine Generator Plant, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Radlospandex Corp, Gastonia, North Carolina

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, University of Massachusetts at Amherst Political Economy Research Institute

\* Chemicals most responsible for the toxicity outside this school may not add up to 100% because only the top chemicals are listed.

## Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

**Bain Elementary**  
School District: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**34th percentile**  
47,706 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Providence High**  
School District: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**31st percentile**  
15,837 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Reedy Creek Elementary**  
School District: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**28th percentile**  
26,435 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

## West Side Schools Near Site

**Pinewood Elementary**  
School District: [Gaston County Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**11th percentile**  
13,248 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Paw Creek Elementary**  
School District: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**13th percentile**  
15,657 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Pawtucket Elementary**  
School District: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**13th percentile**  
15,657 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Ida Rankin Elementary**  
School District: [Gaston County Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**13th percentile**  
15,657 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Mount Holly Middle**  
School District: [Gaston County Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**13th percentile**  
15,657 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Coulwood Middle**  
School District: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#)

**Exposure to cancer-causing toxics**  
BEST WORST

**National Rank**  
**14th percentile**  
17,446 of 127,809 schools have worse air.

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations and severity of chemicals known or believed to cause cancer. [Learn More](#)

**Exposure to other toxic chemicals**  
BEST WORST

Note: Rankings are based on modeled concentrations of chemicals that cause health problems other than cancer. [Learn More](#)

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