

Board of Education: Redistricting

Frequently Asked Questions

Why must the Board of Education redraw school district boundaries?

Redistricting is the regular process of adjusting the lines of voting districts in accordance with population shifts.¹

State law requires that school districts be redrawn at least every 10 years in order to make each district as equal as possible in the number of citizens served. The redrawing of districts coincides with the U. S. Census which is taken every 10 years.

Are school districts and school zones the same thing?

No. School districts are political boundaries redrawn each 10 years to ensure equal population/representation in each school district. School zones deal with current student enrollment and may be redrawn anytime to balance attendance, populate new schools, etc..

What is the deadline for redistricting?

The school board has until the end of 2011 to redraw the district boundaries.

Who is on the committee for redistricting?

There is now a Joint Redistricting Committee - co-chairs of this joint committee are Board of Education member Lynne Fugate (District 4) and County Commissioner R. Larry Smith (District 7).

Will there be public meetings?

Yes. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the First Floor Board Room, Andrew Johnson Building, 912 S. Gay Street.

Will I be able to see the maps produced?

Proposed maps will be posted to this website as they become available.

How can the public provide feedback?

You may provide feedback using the form provided on this site, you may write the committee members, and you may attend public meetings.

¹ Rose Institute of State and Local Government, www.redistrictinginamerica.org