



CISD Boundary Realignment Frequently Asked Questions

Why is CISD undergoing Boundary Realignment?

CISD is realigning its school boundaries for the 2019-2020 school year, as we open the new Canyon Ranch Elementary School in Valley Ranch. This will allow CISD to optimize student capacity at our facilities, while accommodating student growth in the southern portion of the district. The goals for the boundary realignment will be to provide balanced enrollment within the preferred capacities of all campuses, ensure efficient utilization of facilities, maintain the neighborhood school concept and minimize student/movement disruption.

How long will this Boundary Realignment last? When does the district anticipate another Boundary Realignment?

The district last's Boundary Realignment was in 2014-2015 with the opening of Richard J. Lee Elementary School. CISD anticipates that, aside from minor tweaks, the district will not need to undergo another major Boundary Realignment for the next five to six years.

Why are the enrollment numbers for the middle schools the way they are? Is diversity a concern?

The current Boundary Realignment proposals are designed to last for the long-term and optimize student capacity at our facilities, while accommodating current and future student growth in the southern portion of the district. For example, the newest elementary school, Canyon Ranch Elementary, originally was set to be built in 2021, but growth in the southern portion of the district necessitated that it be built earlier. The current proposed middle school boundaries allow space for this growth at CMS West, should it also be quicker than anticipated. District officials also will be observing and analyzing the enrollment numbers at all of the middle schools and are prepared to make minor adjustments in the future, if necessary. Diversity has been part of the Boundary Realignment discussions. However, the current proposed plans adhere to the "maintaining neighborhood school concept" identified by the CISD community as its top priority in Boundary Realignment.

Will "grandfathering" be allowed? Will transportation be provided to "grandfathered" students, including a "pay-to-ride" option?

Current fourth and seventh graders would be allowed to finish their fifth grade and eighth grade years, if they so choose, at their current school for the 2019-2020 school year. Siblings of these students also would be allowed to remain at the current campus for one year. **Parents and guardians of these current fourth and seventh graders, who wish to remain at their current campus for the 2019-2020 school year, will need to fill out a transfer application for these students and siblings.**

CISD will not provide transportation for students who transfer to a campus, including those who transfer as "grandfathered" students. Also, there will not be a "pay-to-ride" option for these transfer students.

Are sixth grade students eligible for "grandfathering?"

CISD will not allow grandfathering for sixth grade students. If you have a special circumstance and want to request a transfer for a student who doesn't meet the "grandfathering" criteria, you may do so. However, there is no guarantee that this transfer request will be granted by the district.

Was the social/emotional health of students considered as part of these proposals?

Though CISD recognizes that changing schools is an emotional issue for all involved, we believe our students are resilient and take their cues from their parents. We also want to emphasize that we provide a high quality education at all of our campuses within the district.

When will transfer applications open, what is the application window and when will parents be notified about the status of their transfer request?

CISD will post information about the transfer request process on its website by February 4. The transfer application window will be from March 4 to March 29. Decisions will be communicated to applicants by April 30 at the latest.

How does Boundary Realignment impact Open Enrollment and the Employee Student Transfer process?

The priority for transfer requests is those who meet the “grandfathering” criteria first. Employee student transfers requests are granted to those who live within the district first and then to those who live outside the district. The Open Enrollment application process begins in late April, after the initial transfer window for those who reside in the district. Only certain campuses with available space accept Open Enrollment students. Open Enrollment is only available to incoming elementary students and incoming ninth and tenth grade students to attend New Tech High @ Coppell.

How will Boundary Realignment impact any programming that my student participates in (i.e. Special Education, Dual Language, etc.)?

If students currently receive services from any program, their support will be uninterrupted by any boundary realignment changes. For example, the Dual Language Immersion program remains at Wilson Elementary and Denton Creek Elementary. DLI learners who wish to continue to Coppell Middle School North as Advanced Spanish Learners, but are not zoned to that campus, will be allowed to do so. The Advanced Spanish Learning Program at CMS West will continue for those learners who remain at the school through the “grandfathering” process. **However, if students are attending a campus that is not their zoned or “home” campus, they must fill out a transfer form so the district can have accurate numbers and plan staffing accordingly.**

How will these attendance zone changes impact bus transportation for students?

Students will be eligible for transportation to and from school according to the CISD Student Eligibility Requirements at www.coppellisd.com/bus. This site will be updated once the Board of Trustees approve the new attendance zones on February 25. The district also takes into consideration the safety of walking or riding a bike to a campus, in addition to the 2 mile distance, when determining bus riding eligibility. CISD also is working with Durham Bus Services on the routes to Canyon Ranch Elementary, with the hopes that students won't have to ride the bus any earlier than existing routes.

Will my student's new school have all of the same information regarding my student's needs as did the previous campus?

Yes, the school will have this information as we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year.

Are the schools prepared for any increase in students, in terms of facility space and staffing?

Student enrollment data is being collected and analyzed to ensure accurate projections, so that all facilities are equipped to support the full enrollment projections in both space and staffing for the 2019-2020 school year.