



Waller ISD Attendance Zone Boundary FAQ'S

Question: Why does Waller ISD have to modify attendance zones?

Answer: Due to continued rapid growth, Waller ISD is opening a new elementary school, Evelyn Turlington Elementary, to relieve the existing 4 elementary schools of overcrowding. Waller ISD will undergo grade level re-alignments to the elementary, middle, and junior high schools effective for the 2009-2010 school year. All five of Waller ISD's elementary school grade levels will be re-aligned to Pre-K through 5th grade, Waller Jr. High and Wayne C. Schultz Jr. High will be re-aligned to 6th through 8th grades, and Waller High School will remain as 9th through 12th grades. The attendance zone changes will maximize the use of our school facilities preventing severe overcrowding. As new schools open and/or population shifts occur, attendance zones must be adjusted to make the most efficient use of school facilities.

Question: How were the attendance zones determined?

Answer: Attendance zones were drafted up to balance the student population throughout the schools. The goal is to have an 80% student enrollment capacity at each elementary school and 65% at each jr. high. Student residential geographic location and school location were taken into consideration when determining school boundaries.

Question: When will these decisions be made and how can I have input?

Answer: Preliminary options for attendance zones were discussed at the March 9, 2009 Regular Called School Board Meeting. A Waller ISD Attendance Zone Boundary Public Meeting will be held on March 30. Community members will have the opportunity to review the maps and provide their input. After considering community input at the March 30 Waller ISD Attendance Zone Boundary Public Meeting, and reviewing the data regarding capacity and projected growth, we will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for their consideration. The attendance zone boundary changes will go into effect at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

Question: Will any of the schools offer more student programs, different curriculum, and/or activities than the other schools?

Answer: All Waller ISD schools will have equivalent programs, curriculum structure, and student activities offered at each campus.

Question: Will the dual language program be offered at Evelyn Turlington Elementary School?

Answer: Yes, the new Evelyn Turlington Elementary School will offer a dual language program equivalent to the existing elementary school dual language programs.

Question: Will student ethnicity and socioeconomic status be a factor when re-zoning school boundaries?

Answer: All of Waller ISD schools have a diverse student population.

Question: Will the proposed re-zoning affect the intra-district transfer policy?

Answer: The intra-district transfer request policy will still apply for the elementary level schools (PK-5th grades). Students who have been granted a transfer request for the 2008-2009 school year will not be affected. Transfer requests will not be accepted for the Jr. High schools since both schools will offer equivalent student programs, curriculum structure, student activities, and the close proximity of the schools.

Question: Will school start and dismissal times change?

Answer: No, elementary and jr. high school start and dismissal times will not change.

Question: What will happen to the teachers and staff at the schools?

Answer: Waller ISD will protect the academic integrity of all schools. Re-zoning does not eliminate jobs, it may relocate some teachers to other schools. Teachers will have the opportunity to teach at other schools in the district.

Question: How will the re-zoning affect bus routes?

Answer: The elementary and secondary 2 tier buses will continue to operate similar to the current system. Some school bus routes may be added or eliminated. Most bus routes may be shorter since students will be in closer proximity of their designated school. The school bus route plans will be finalized once the school attendance zone boundaries are approved by the Board of Trustees.