

FBISD District-wide Feeder Pattern and Boundary Plan

Implementation FAQs

Background

Why is Fort Bend ISD changing feeder patterns and boundaries?

The District has developed its District-wide Feeder Pattern and Boundary Plan in order to address the District's growth by balancing student enrollment and using existing facilities in a more effective manner. The District is doing this while focusing on high student achievement and fiscal accountability.

Fort Bend ISD is projected to have an additional 6,500 students in the next five years, and 11,600 in the next ten years.

How did FBISD come up with its feeder pattern and boundary plan?

Efforts to better align high school feeder patterns and establish attendance boundaries began in August of 2014, when the FBISD Board of Trustees adopted policy that defined the purpose of establishing attendance areas. Over the last several months, the administration's work has been guided by that policy, as well as enrollment projections from an independent demographer and with consideration of feedback from the community. Updated projections from Population and Survey Analysts, or PASA, were considered as the District developed its final recommendations.

During the fall semester of 2014, FBISD hosted four Community Dialogue Meetings to gather feedback on two different feeder pattern and boundary scenarios. It also solicited input through online questionnaires. Information from the more than 18,000 completed surveys was considered.

Implementation:

When will attendance boundary changes be implemented?

Attendance boundary changes will go into effect for the 2015-16 school year for students in grades K-9, and additional boundary changes will take effect with the opening of Elementary School 47 in 2016.

Elementary Schools

- Incoming kindergarten through fifth-grade students will attend their new zoned schools in the 2015-2016 school year. *Because Elementary School 47 will not open until 2016/2017, implementation at Commonwealth ES is unique. Additional information about Commonwealth ES students and registration will be shared soon.
- Incoming fifth-graders will have the option of staying at their current campus next year, but transportation will not be provided.*This option is only available at campuses that are not projected to have capacity exceeding 120 percent, and will be handled through the transfer process. The transfer process for these students will take place February 9-22, and we will share details with those students eligible to apply in the coming days. Information about the transfer process will also be available on the District's website.

Middle Schools

- Incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth-graders will attend their new zoned schools in the 2015-2016 school year.
- Incoming eighth-graders will have the option of staying at their current middle schools next year, but transportation will not be provided. *This option will be handled through the transfer process. The transfer process for these students will take place February 9-22, and we will share details with those students eligible to apply in the coming days. Information about the transfer process will also be available on the District's website.

High Schools

- Incoming ninth-graders (current eighth-graders) will attend the high school in the newly approved attendance boundaries.
- Incoming 10th grade, 11th grade, and 12th grade students will remain at their current campus and be eligible for transportation until their graduation.
- Incoming ninth-grade students who have older siblings currently attending their zoned high schools can choose to attend the same campus as their sibling, but transportation will only be provided through their older sibling's graduation. *This provision only applies during the first year of implementation (2015-16), and does not apply if the older sibling is attending his or her current campus through an intra-district transfer, inter-district transfer, or as a participant in an academy program. **This option will be handled through the transfer process. The transfer process for these students will take place February 9-22, and we will share details with those students eligible to apply in the coming days. Information about the transfer process will also be available on the District's website.

Academies

The Global Studies Academy (currently at Clements HS) and the International Business and Marketing Academy (currently at Bush HS) will relocate to Travis High School.

- Students currently enrolled in academic programs (entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grade) will complete their program at their current campus. Should they decide to leave the program, they will attend the zoned high school to which their grade is currently assigned. (See question below for more).
- Incoming ninth-graders (current eighth-graders) who are selected to attend academies will begin their academic programs at Travis High School.

Transfers

- Students currently attending a middle school or high school campus through an approved intra-district transfer will remain at their current campus until completion of the highest grade offered at that campus.

- Any student affected by an attendance zone boundary change may apply for an intra-district transfer in accordance with District Policy and applicable administrative transfer procedures.
*The application process for intra-district transfers will take place during the spring. When this transfer process opens, we will notify parents and community through multiple channels, including the district website and School Messenger.

I will be a freshman next year – and have been zoned to a new high school. My older sibling is currently zoned to another high school and will remain at his/her school through graduation. Can I attend high school with my sibling?

Yes. Siblings, who are incoming 9th graders, are eligible to attend the school their older sibling is currently zoned to attend. Transportation will be provided until the older sibling graduates. *This option will be handled through the transfer process. The transfer process for these students will take place February 9-22, and we will share details with those students eligible to apply in the coming days. Information about the transfer process will also be available on the District's website.

What about high school students who enroll in FBISD next year, or move into areas that are being rezoned into a new feeder pattern? What school would they attend next year?

Students will attend the school to which their grade level is assigned in the 2015-16 school year, based on their address. For example, students in Telfair entering grades 10, 11, or 12 will enroll at Kempner High School with the other entering 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in Telfair. Another example might be a student in Telfair entering 9th grade who would enroll at Clements High School with the other 9th grade students in Telfair.

When will Elementary 46 open?

Elementary 46 will open in Fall 2015-2016.

When will Elementary 47 open?

Elementary 47 will open in Fall 2016-2017.

I don't see a boundary map for my school on the "Planning for the Future" website. Why not?

If there is no map listed, there are no attendance boundary changes for 2015-16 for that campus. Additionally, if there is not a map for the opening of ES 47 in 2016 then the campus is not impacted by a boundary change.