



***Charles County Public Schools
Elementary School # 23 Redistricting***



Superintendent's Charge

The committee is charged with creating two alternatives that will establish new elementary school boundaries for Elementary School # 23. Board Policy's 1900, 1910, and 1930 establish procedures for redistricting. Our goal is to move some students among the surrounding elementary schools with due consideration of State Rated Capacities (SRC's) and anticipated enrollment growth using target enrollments provided by school and county government staffs.



Policy 1900

School

Zone Boundaries

The Board of Education has a primary responsibility to provide school facilities that address changing enrollment patterns and that sustain high quality educational programs. The Board realizes that population growth and geographic shifts in population make it difficult to maintain the desired staffing and services which are an integral part of providing quality educational programs at a reasonable cost. Therefore, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the school system to adjust enrollment boundary lines from time to time in order to promote more uniform and efficient use of school facilities and resources. The superintendent shall determine when redistricting is needed. Further, the superintendent shall develop appropriate procedures to involve the public in the development of proposals to adjust school boundary lines.



Policy 1910

Factors to Consider When Redistricting

As a minimum, the procedures developed for redistricting will consider the following factors applied consistently to all schools in the county:

- School capacity**
- Impact on educational program quality of affected schools**
- Student enrollment trends**
- Age or condition of school buildings involved in the redistricting, reorganizing the impact of increasing enrollment on older facilities where a building's physical condition and supporting unities (septic system, HVAC, cafeteria, etc.)**
- Financial considerations such as temporary housing, operating costs per student, etc.**



Policy 1910

Factors to Consider When Redistricting

As a minimum, the procedures developed for redistricting will consider the following factors applied consistently to all schools in the county:

- Transportation – minimizing the distance to as school, the number of students being transported and the time spent on the bus**
- Impact on the community of the school proposed to be redistricted relative to the size of the student population to be relocated and the natural boundaries of communities and neighborhoods within which students reside**
- The desirability of minimizing the redistricting for an elementary or middle school to once every three years**
- The desirability of limiting the movement of high school students after initial enrollment**



Policy 1930 Decisions

The Board shall make the final decision as to the adjustment of school boundaries. In making the final decision, the Board shall consider: information, the committee's report, recommendations presented by the superintendent, testimony from affected communities, and testimony and comments from the public. In order for oral or written testimony to be included as part of the record, such testimony must be received seven days prior to action. The Board and Charles County Public Schools staff shall welcome public input and participation and promptly provide citizens with the information they request in order to formulate their suggestions and present their testimony. The Board reserves the right to modify any proposals to reflect public input. Further, the Board shall strive to make redistricting decisions no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled implementation date, except in emergency situations.

Elementary #23

- New elementary school with a State Rated Capacity (SRC) of 778
- Property dedicated by the developers of St. Charles per Docket 90
- Located in the Highlands neighborhood at 5860 St. David Drive, White Plains
- Cost of project \$45.4 million



Redistricting Timeline

- October 10, 2023** **Announced committee members during monthly Board meeting**
- October 25, 2023** **Redistricting Community Meeting – St. Charles H.S.**
- November 2023 –
January 2024** **Committee meets weekly to develop two alternatives**
- February 2024** **Committee finalizes two alternatives**
- March 12, 2024** **Committee presents alternatives to the Board**

Redistricting Timeline

- April 2, 2024** **Redistricting Public Hearing #1 – St. Charles H.S.**
- May 1, 2024** **Redistricting Public Hearing #2 – Thomas Stone H.S.**
- May 21, 2024** **Superintendent presents recommendation to the Board – Jesse L. Starkey Board room**
- May 22, 2024** **Public hearing on Superintendent’s recommendation**
- June 11, 2024** **Board votes to approve a plan**

Redistricting Committee

Committee make up:

- **Co-facilitators: Steve Andritz and Jason Tonkins**
- **2 central office staff members**
- **2 advisory staff members from county government**
- **4 principals**
- **11 parent representatives**
 1. **2 middle school parents and 1 high school parent**
 2. **8 elementary school parents**
- **Three randomly selected community members**

General Guidelines

- **All neighborhoods are eligible for redistricting except for those currently designated as non-transport (walking) zones**
- **Whenever possible, neighborhoods should not be divided between different schools**
- **Account for current and future residential development when meeting enrollment targets**
- **Consult with transportation representatives regarding the possible effects to existing bus routes when moving students**
- **For an existing schools, move students farthest from their current school to another school whose current attendance boundaries borders the existing school**

Questions & Comments