

Margaret J. Thornton Elementary School

Redistricting Recommendations



Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) launched in 2023 a comprehensive elementary school redistricting process to create an attendance zone for Margaret J. Thornton Elementary School, which is scheduled to open at the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The redistricting process also helps to alleviate overcrowding at schools and balance school enrollments. The CCPS redistricting committee in March 2024 presented to the Board two proposals, which are outlined below.

Alternative A

Alternative B

Number of current
CCPS students
moved:

Moves **567**
existing CCPS
students.



Moves **1,044**
existing CCPS
students.



Projected
enrollment at start of
school year 2025-
2026:

536
students.



618
students.



Schools students
will be moved from:

Billingsley, Malcolm,
Mary H. Matula,
Arthur Middleton, Mary B. Neal and
J.P. Ryon elementary schools.



Berry, Billingsley, William A. Diggs,
Mary H. Matula, T.C. Martin,
Arthur Middleton,
Walter J. Mitchell, J.P. Ryon and
William B. Wade elementary schools.



Redistricting Public Hearings – Share feedback on the recommendations.

- Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m., at Thomas Stone High School.
- Wednesday, May 22, 6 p.m., at the Starkey Building.
- Both hearings will stream live on www.ccboe.com.

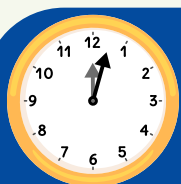
For more information or to view the redistricting plans visit, <https://www.ccboe.com/parents/redistricting-elementary-school>.

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About Redistricting



At the March 12 Board of Education meeting, the CCPS Redistricting Committee presented two elementary school redistricting options to the Board and Superintendent of Schools Maria V. Navarro, Ed.D. The presentation is posted on the CCPS website. A public hearing for the Board to hear feedback about the redistricting committee options is set for 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf. The hearing will stream live at www.ccboe.com.



When will redistricting take effect?

Redistricting will take effect at the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The Board begins the redistricting process two years in advance to provide ample research time and opportunity for public input and notification. The elementary school redistricting process started in September 2023 with the advertisement for committee members.

Where can I find up-to-date redistricting information?



CCPS continuously posts information on the school system website, including time lines, meeting notices, publications and parent notifications, maps, fact sheets and more.

All parents will receive fact sheets about the redistricting process. Board meetings include updates on the process and air live at www.ccboe.com.

Superintendent Navarro will make her redistricting recommendation to the Board at its May 21 Board meeting with a public hearing on her recommendation set for May 22. The Board will vote to approve a redistricting plan at its June 11 Board meeting.

Who is involved in redistricting?



The redistricting committee's task is to develop and evaluate potential attendance zones for Margaret J. Thornton Elementary School for consideration by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education. The committee is divided into two groups to develop two different proposals. Redistricting policy and rules require the committee to submit two proposals. CCPS selected 11 parents to serve on the committee: eight who represent the elementary level; two who represent the middle school level; and one who represents the high school level. The school system also selected three community members for the committee. Additionally, CCPS selected four principals to serve on the committee. Three local government planners and CCPS staff supports the committee. The redistricting committee presented its two proposals for consideration to the Board of Education at its March 2024 meeting.



When will parents be notified about the redistricting?

Parents and students will be notified of the attendance zone for Margaret J. Thornton Elementary School and any school zone changes after the Board votes on its redistricting decision in June 2024. The school system will notify parents about the chosen proposal. Additionally, CCPS posts all redistricting information on its website at www.ccboe.com.