



July 23, 2024

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

On July 23, 2024, as part of decades-old litigation, the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana ordered changes to several current attendance zone lines for the St. Martin Parish School System, which were negotiated and extensively discussed with the court over the last year. These court-ordered changes will take effect immediately for the 2024-2025 school year and will impact some students in grades K through 12. The affected school zones include Parks Primary, Parks Middle, Early Learning Center, St. Martinville Primary, St. Martinville Junior High, St. Martinville High, and Breaux Bridge High.

To inform the community and address parent and guardian concerns, the district will host two informational sessions for those directly impacted. Hard copies of all forms will be available at the sessions in addition to the website. Affected parents and/or guardians may attend either of the following sessions:

Information Session 1	Information Session 2
Date: Wednesday, July 24	Date: Thursday, July 25
Time: 6:30 p.m.	Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Parks Primary School 1034 Main Hwy, Parks, LA 70582	Location: St. Martinville High School 762 N Main St., St. Martinville, LA 70582

As part of the court’s order, all students in grades 11 and 12 have the option to remain at their current schools. Parents and guardians of 11th and 12th-grade students who choose to remain at their current schools must submit their requests no later than Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The link to submit the request <https://forms.gle/mdxdzGKlk9AvMK2L8>.

All other students must attend their new school of attendance or use the district’s transfer eligibility application process through the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance. Parents and guardians interested in transfer options must submit a transfer request no later than Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The link to submit a transfer request is on the district’s Child Welfare and Attendance website. Transfer requests can be submitted to the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance.

Students with exceptionalities that currently have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) will continue to receive services at the new schools in accordance with their student’s plan. Transportation will continue to be provided as requested, per the district’s transportation routing policy. Students participating in athletics will continue to remain LHSAA-eligible while attending their new school or if they are in 11th and 12th grade and choose to remain at their current school.

The St. Martin Parish School System understands there may be concerns with the court-ordered attendance zone line changes. All parent and/or guardian questions and/or concerns can be submitted to:

Office of Child Welfare and Attendance
Kevin BonHomme, Supervisor
Email: kevin_bonhomme@saintmartinschools.org
Phone: 337-909-2819

Parents and/or guardians can find more information, including transfer applications, 11th and 12th-grade stay requests, and an FAQ on the district's website:

<https://www.saintmartinschools.org/departments/child-welfare-and-attendance>.