

Redistricting Transition Planning



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www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review/

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Attendance Area Adjustment

On January 24, 2019, the Board of Education directed that HCPSS initiate a systemwide school boundary review, due to population growth that resulted in overcrowding at many schools, while others are underutilized.

The boundary review process continued with the release of the annual HCPSS Feasibility Study on June 13, 2019, and a feedback period extending from that time through August 1. Community input sessions were held in July for families in all regions.

The Attendance Area Committee met in June and July to review options presented in the Feasibility Study and made recommendations to the Superintendent to help inform his proposal, which was presented on August 22, 2019. The Superintendent's Proposed Recommendation aimed to balance school capacity utilization, provide relief to schools most impacted by crowding, and address inequities in the distribution of students affected by poverty.

Immediately following the Superintendent's proposal, the Board of Education began accepting written testimony from any member of the public. That feedback period was open through November 19, 2019. During that time, the Board also held seven public hearings and nine work sessions.

→ Learn more about the [entire boundary review process](#) and view related documents, videos and links.

At its meeting November 21, 2019, the Board voted to revise HCPSS school attendance areas for the 2020–2021 school year.

Message From the Superintendent On Attendance Area Adjustments →

Approval of the Attendance Area Adjustment Plan on BoardDocs →

- Summary of Polygon Reassignments

Press Release: Board Takes Action on School Boundary Adjustments for 2020–2021 School Year →

Attendance Area Adjustment Frequently Asked Questions →

For language supports, contact International Student and Family Services

Supporting Students

Transitions can be difficult for children and some struggle more than others. HCPSS welcomes nearly 1,000 new students to our schools annually, and school administrators and staff in every school are prepared to support students in adjusting to a new school. They will make every effort to ensure this transition is as easy as possible for you and your child. [Learn more.](#)

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1:39 PM 12/2/2019

Access today's Presentation

<https://tinyurl.com/HCPSSRedistricting>

HCPSS Website

Familiarize yourself with the FAQs so you can respond to your families:

<https://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review/process/faq/>

If you have questions or if your families have questions not here, you can ask them [here](#).

Questions will be answered as quickly as possible and can be viewed by everyone with [this link](#).



Exemptions

- On November 21, 2019, the Board of Education voted to adjust school boundaries. The decision included exemptions eligible for transportation:
 - Current 4th graders
 - Current 7th graders
 - Current 10th graders
 - Current 11th graders
 - Current River Hill High School and Oakland Mills High School students formally enrolled in the 30-credit or 60-credit structured JumpStart program.
- Per Policy 9000, current students with IEP/504 plans (as of 11/21/2019) and those with at least one parent who is active duty military are permitted to stay. No transportation is provided for this exemption (except special education students with specialized transportation).
- Students enrolling after 11/21/2019 are not eligible for exemptions.


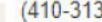
December Exemption Process

- **December 3 & 5** - Administrator update
- **December 4** - All families are notified the exemption process is going on by email and on the website
- **December 5** - Families eligible for an exemption receive an email & text notification
- **December 5** - School locator is updated
- **December 5** - Training for front office/student services support staff representatives
- **December 5** - Sending school staff have access to a list in Synergy of families eligible for an exemption who have not completed the form

December Exemption Process

- **December 9** - Families eligible for an exemption who have not completed the form receive a second email & text notification
- **December 10** - Sending schools contact families eligible for an exemption who have not completed the form; [log contacts with families](#) - copy, share and log calls (include Maryann Thomas)
- **December 13** - Public notification that family access to selection in Synergy is closed
- **December 20** - Exemption selection process must be completed - no selection results in redistricting
- Throughout December, other key staff members will receive this information - liaisons, counselors, special ed ITLs






















Synergy Screens

 Hammond High School
ID:  (410-313-7615)

[My Account](#) [Help](#) [Online Registration](#) [Close](#)

Howard County Public Schools

Good morning, [Katherine Woodson](#), 12/2/2019

- Home
-  Messages
-  Calendar
-  Attendance
-  Class Schedule
-  Conference
-  Course History
-  Fee
-  Report Card
-  School Information
-  Student Info
-  **Canvas (Gradebook)**
-  **Family File / School Directory**
-  **Attendance**
-  **Homeroom / Transportation / POS**
-  **Conference Scheduling**
-  **Academic Information**
-  **HS Athletic Registration**
-  **JumpStart**
-  **Innovative Pathways**
-  **Kindergarten Prior Care**
-  **Redistricting 2020**

REDISTRICTING 2020

[Redistricting 2020](#)



Who Can Enter Data

These roles to be able to UPDATE:

- ES Teacher Secretary
- MS School Counseling Secretary
- HS Registrar
- Help Desk
- Liaisons (via ParentVUE)

These roles are able to VIEW:

- Principals at all levels
- APs at all levels
- Counselors at all levels
- HS School Counseling Secretary
- MS and HS Teachers' Secretary
- MS and HS Data Clerks

Communication

- **Requests for Tours/Visits/Teacher Conferences:** Reinforce the importance of attending the evening parent orientations/welcome sessions in January. New families could also attend school concerts, plays, games, instructional nights. Please update websites regularly with this information.
- **Requests for Student/Staff/School Data:** Please direct these inquiries to school websites, the school system's website, www.hcpss.org, and also to the state website, mdreportcard.org
- **Orientations/Welcome Sessions:** Please plan to hold orientation nights/welcome sessions for all new students (not just 6th and 9th) at the secondary school level. At the ES level, this is only required at schools receiving new students.
 - January 2-10 High Schools
 - January 13-17 Middle Schools
 - January 20-24 Elementary Schools

January Transition Plans

Early January

- Schools receive final lists of outgoing and incoming students.
- Receiving schools get School Messenger Lists with students new to schools.
- Receiving schools communicate transition activities.

Late January

- Receiving schools will have access to incoming student data via Hoonuit.
- Locations of 2020-2021 students will drive program placement and staffing.

Frequently Asked Questions

What to do if school staff believes a family is eligible for exemptions that are not visible in HCPSS Connect:

or

What to do if a school staff believes a family is not eligible for exemptions that are visible in HCPSS Connect:

[Please complete this google doc and all cases will be investigated](#)



Frequently Asked Questions

Siblings: trailing siblings are not eligible for an exemption.

- Per Policy 9000:
 - *Reassignment will not be granted for the following reasons: Requests for siblings to remain enrolled at the same school.*



Frequently Asked Questions

Employees: process and benefit remains the same.
Feeder pattern is under review.

- In county employees can apply for the 2020-2021 school year **after May 1st**; reassignments will not be approved until after the 2020-2021 budget is adopted and all staff has been assigned.
- Out of county employees can apply **after July 1st**, when tuition rates for the following school year have been adopted by the BOE.



Frequently Asked Questions

Transportation v. No Transportation: BOE approved exemptions (grade level and dual enrollment) are offered with transportation option.

Students with an IEP, 504 Plan or those with at least one parent who is currently active duty military personnel are not offered transportation, unless transportation is included in a student's IEP or 504 plan.



Frequently Asked Questions

Residency: BOE approved exemptions are available based on current residency.

- If a family moves, the exemption is no longer available.



Frequently Asked Questions

How to Say No:

What options does a family have?

- First and foremost, encourage a family to visit HCPSS Connect. Deadline is 12/13/19.
- If family does not have an exemption, but you believe they should, please log this family on [incorrectly categorized students](#) form.



Frequently Asked Questions

How to Say No:

What options does a family have?

- If family does not have an exemption, and you know the family does not qualify for an exemption:
 - The decisions made by the Board of Education on November 21 made clear who qualifies for an exemption and we must adhere to their decision.
 - Appeal to the State BOE (directions in FAQ on website).



Frequently Asked Questions

Student Reassignment: When is it appropriate to direct a family to the reassignment office?

- Per Policy 9000:
 - *Reassignment will not be granted for the following reasons: Addressing the impact of redistricting decisions.*
 - *Direct family to SRRF beginning January 2020 for students under the category of OTHER.*



What's Next?

- Share PPT with team at school.
- Review students with exemptions, strategize how to reach all families. [Log calls.](#)
- Review www.hcpss.org FAQs.
- Add other questions to the [survey](#).
- Regularly review [here](#) for answers.
- Let us of know of any [incorrectly categorized students.](#)

Questions?

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