

Redistricting Transition Planning



HCPSS Website

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

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.

[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.](#)

HCPSS Website

Familiarize yourself with the FAQs

If you have questions or if your families have questions not here, please 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 automatic exemptions.


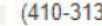
December Exemption Process

- **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 updated
- **[December 5 - Training for a front office/student services support staff representative](#)**
- **December 5** - Sending school staff receive a list in Synergy of families eligible for an exemption who have not completed the form. If anything is incorrect complete **[this 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](#)
- **December 13** - Public notification that family access to selection in Synergy is closed
- **December 20** - Exemption selection process must be completed
- Throughout December, other key staff members will receive this information - liaisons, counselors, special ed ITLs






















Synergy Screens

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

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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**
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REDISTRICTING 2020

[Redistricting 2020](#)



Synergy Screens



Howard County Public School System

2020-2021 Attendance Area Adjustments

Following the HCPSS Board of Education's redistricting decisions, your child [redacted], who will be in grade 12 next school year is scheduled to attend Reservoir High School. It has been determined that your child is eligible for an exemption based on their 2020-2021 grade. Transportation is available for this exemption. The exemption is optional, so it is important that you decide which school you would like your child to attend for the 2020-2021 school year by December 13, 2019. Once a decision has been made, it is final so please ensure accuracy of your selection.

***School Choice:**

- Reservoir High School
- Hammond High School

***Transportation Requested:**

- Yes
- No

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Howard County Public School System

2020-2021 Attendance Area Adjustments

Following the HCPSS Board of Education's redistricting decisions, your child [redacted], who will be in grade 04 next school year is scheduled to attend Veterans Elementary School. It has been determined that your child is eligible for an exemption based on a parent/guardian being in the active duty military. The exemption is optional, so it is important that you decide which school you would like your child to attend for the 2020-2021 school year by December 13, 2019. Once a decision has been made, it is final so please ensure accuracy of your selection.

If you are seeking an active duty exemption, your school's pupil personnel worker will contact you for proof of status

***School Choice:**

- Veterans Elementary School
- Hollifield Station Elementary School

Selections made by [redacted] on 12/2/2019 10:41:00 AM.

Synergy Screens

Primary Exemption ▼	Zoned School ▼	Next Grade ▼	Next School ▼	Administrative Transfer ▼	School Selection			
					Selected School ▼	Time ▼	Transportation Requested ▼	Uniformed Military Confirmed ▼
IEP/504	River Hill High School	10	River Hill High School	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
Next Grade	River Hill High School	11	Atholton High School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Atholton High School	12/04/2019 14:37:00	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Next Grade	River Hill High School	12	River Hill High School	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
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Next Grade	River Hill High School	12	River Hill High School	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>

Type Redistricting Selections in the Quick Launch

Who Can Use Synergy Screens

These roles to be able to UPDATE:

- ES Teacher Secretary
- MS School Counseling Secretary
- HS Registrar
- Liaisons
- Help Desk

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

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.
- **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

Communication

- **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
- **Emails and Other Communications:** Please feel free to send any communications you may need more support with to your community superintendent and performance director. Brian Bassett and the Communications Team are also available.
- **Principal's Email Library:** We would like to create a resource bank so that schools have sample email communications when responding to parent/community requests/concerns. Please send examples to your community superintendent and performance director and they will be forwarded to Communications.
- **Questions:** Use the website to support community questions. Are there other questions that should be added to the FAQ section?

December Transition Plans

- **Redistricting Transition Committee:** Receiving schools form a Redistricting Transition Committee to plan:
 - open houses,
 - welcoming activities,
 - opening week plans,
 - new student mentoring, etc.

Committee should include at least one administrator, at one representative teacher, and one counselor. Other recommended members: SGA/Student Voice leader (secondary), PTA parent and Boosters parent (secondary).

- **Staffing/Scheduling/Articulation Calendar:** Review the calendar for school visits, orientations/welcome sessions, and articulation dates. Schedule/confirm dates for these events with all feeder/sending 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.



With the remaining time today ...

- Please review your school's sending list to confirm your feeder schools.
- Please meet with your feeder/sending schools to schedule/revise/confirm visit, orientation/welcome session, and articulation dates.

Sending Schools

Elementary Schools	Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
Bellows Spring	Phelps Luck	Burleigh Manor	Atholton
Bryant Woods	Pointers Run	Dunloggin	Centennial
Clemens Crossing	Running Brook	Elkridge Landing	Hammond
Cradlerock	St. John's Lane	Ellicott Mills	Howard
Elkridge	Stevens Forest	Hammond MS	Long Reach
Fulton	Swansfield	Mayfield Woods	Marriotts Ridge
Hammond	Talbott Springs	Mount View	Mount Hebron
Hollifield Station	Thunder Hill	Murray Hill	Oakland Mills
Ilchester	Veterans	Oakland Mills	Reservoir
Jeffers Hill	Waterloo	Patapsco	River Hill
Longfellow	Waverly	Wilde Lake	
Northfield	West Friendship		

Receiving Schools

Elementary Schools	Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
Bryant Woods	Phelps Luck	Bonnie Branch	Atholton
Clemens Crossing	Running Brook	Burleigh Manor	Centennial
Clarksville	St. John's Lane	Dunloggin	Glenelg
Ducketts Lane	Stevens Forest	Folly Quarter	Hammond
Hammond	Swansfield	Hammond	Long Reach
Guilford	Talbott Springs	Harpers Choice	Marriotts Ridge
Ilchester	Thunder Hill	Lake Elkhorn	Oakland Mills
Longfellow	Triadelphia Ridge	Oakland Mills	Reservoir
Northfield	Veterans	Patuxent Valley	River Hill
Manor Woods	Waterloo	Thomas Viaduct	
		Wilde Lake	