

Temple Independent School District
Elementary Boundary Recommendation
2024 04-09

Process Update

With the assistance of our demographer, two draft maps were developed that considered various criteria such as using natural boundaries, minimizing displacement, and accommodating for future growth. Two elementary parent input meetings were advertised to families by electronic distribution (social media, emails, texts) and were held on February 21 and March 6 with approximately 40 individuals in attendance. All elementary parents (regardless of attendance at the input meetings or not) were invited to offer their input by submitting a form by hard copy or electronically to the District.

Once new elementary attendance boundaries have been approved by the Board of Trustees, the District will communicate to our elementary parents in which campus zone they reside. Our regular transfer window begins May 1 and remains open through June 21. Once the decisions on individual transfers requests have been made, the District will communicate to parents the campus their child(ren) have been assigned.

These new boundaries will go into effect in August 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Boundary Adjustments

Changes from the current zones in both draft maps include using I-35 as the boundary between Kennedy-Powell and Jefferson, moving an area south of downtown Temple from Western Hills to Jefferson and moving the area bordered by Adams Avenue, Avenue H, 14th Street and Loop 363 from Garcia to Sampson-Howard.

With the closure of Cater, these students will be zoned for Scott, Thornton and Sampson-Howard. Remaining adjustments in the southern part of the District vary between draft maps.

Input Summary

The District received 26 documented comments from elementary parents. Of these twenty-six submissions, 18 were neutral (i.e. no preference or both draft maps zoned their address to the same campus). There were four responses that preferred Draft Map 1 and four responses that preferred Draft Map 2 with the majority of both sets of these responses selecting the map that zoned their address to Scott.

Recommendation

Based on the rezoning criteria as well as elementary parent input, the District administration recommends Draft Map 2 for the Board's consideration and approval.

The major considerations for the recommendation of Draft Map 2 include:

- 1) fewer students displaced;

A major difference between maps include the area between Loop 363, 31st Street and Canyon Creek Drive. This area contains 240 elementary students that would remain at Thornton rather than be assigned to Sampson-Howard.

- 2) provide more area of future growth at Sampson-Howard; and

According to demographic projections, Draft Map 1 has Sampson-Howard reaching overcapacity enrollment by 2028 and Draft Map 2 has the campus not reaching capacity until the 2030 – 2031 school year.

- 3) matches the District's north – south pattern of future growth.

When considering demographic enrollment projections and the timeline for the need of a future elementary school, Draft Map 2 incorporates a zoning structure that will provide a cleaner rezoning process that accommodates for the concentrated future growth in the southeast part of the District.

Again, the District administration recommends Draft Map 2 for the Board's consideration and approval.