

Proposed Hays CISD Limited Attendance Zone Changes for School Year 2026 – 2027

Overview

The following package of information outlines proposed adjustments to the Hays CISD elementary school and middle school attendance zone maps to alleviate actual and projected overcrowding at Sunfield and Buda Elementary Schools and McCormick Middle School; and to aid with better capacity utilization at Carpenter Hill and Elm Grove Elementary Schools and Dahlstrom Middle School.

No high school zones are affected in this proposal.

Anticipated Impact

The impact on current students is relatively limited because most of the territory proposed for change is not yet developed. However, some areas could affect a limited number of current students.

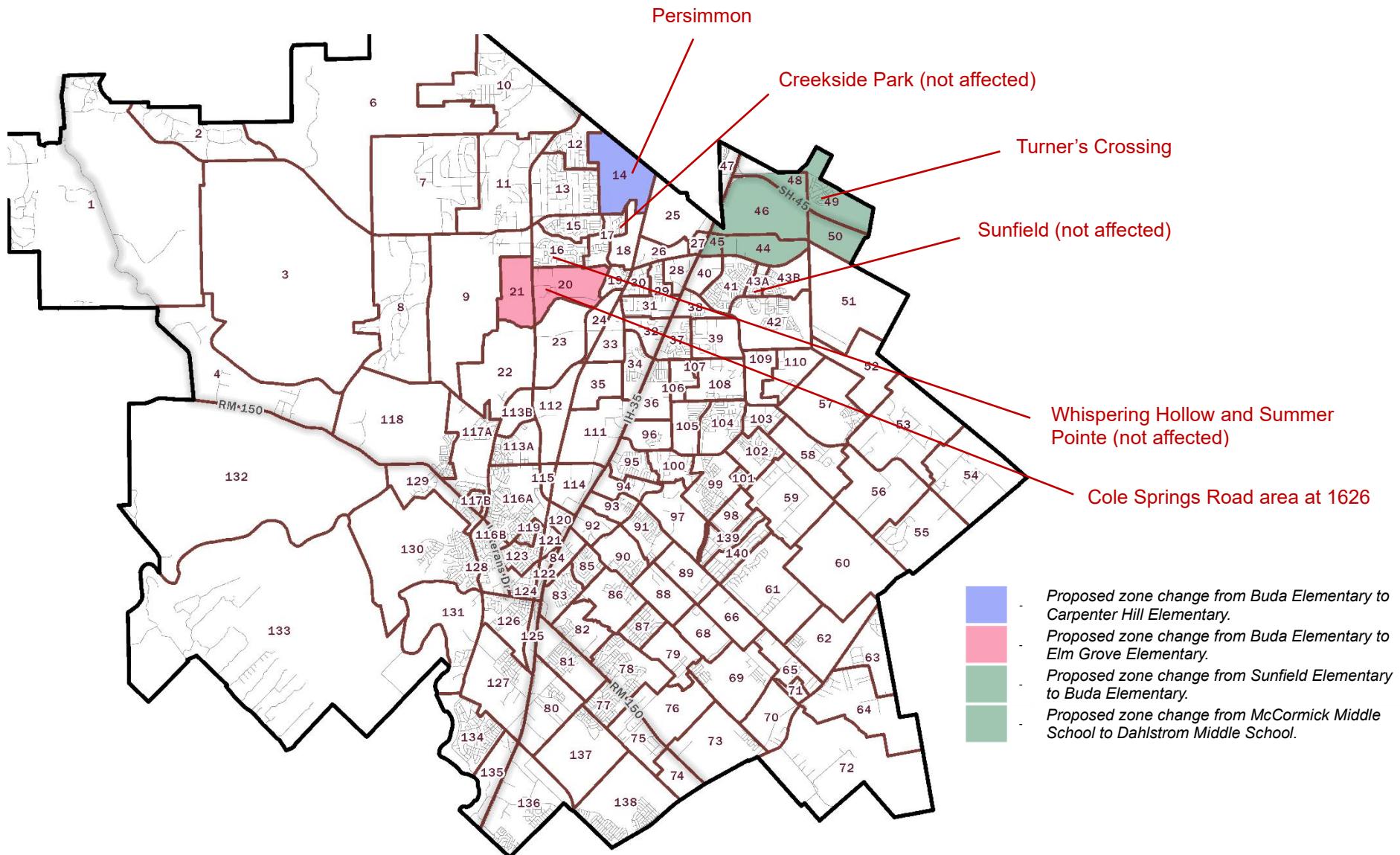
For any current students affected, this zone change recommendation includes (beginning with the 2026 – 2027 school year) allowing the students to either choose to go to their new campuses or remain at their current schools until the final grade levels at the campuses. However, for students who decide to remain at their current schools, the district would not be able to provide bus transportation to the current campuses because the buses in the affected neighborhoods would be transporting students to the newly zoned schools.

All new students moving into the affected areas would be assigned to the newly zoned campuses beginning with the 2026 – 2027 school year. New students moving into the affected areas before the start of school in August 2026, could:

- (1) begin school at the 2025-2026 zoned campuses with transportation for the remainder of this school year and either opt to stay at the current campuses after this school year with no transportation, or move to the new campus with transportation, or;
- (2) begin school immediately at the 2026-2027 zoned campuses with transportation to the newly zoned schools starting in August 2026.

Planning Units & Maps

To create attendance zones, the district demographers use areas called planning units (PUs). This is map of the current planning units and their assigned numbers in Hays CISD.



Proposal Data

Attendance Adjustments for 2026-2027 School Year (Student Counts Chart)									
		Elementary Level				Middle School Level			
Planning Unit #	General Description	From Current Campus	To New Campus	2026 Projected Students	2035 Projected Students	From Current Campus	To New Campus	2026 Projected Students	2035 Projected Students
<i>Moves students from BES to help fill CHES and EGES in future years. The shift frees space at BES to accommodate SES moves.</i>									
14	Persimmon	BES	CHES	10	461	No Change – Stays at DMS			
20	South of EGES, East of 1626	BES	EGES	19	243	No Change – Stays at DMS			
21	South of EGES, West of 1626	BES	EGES	0	122	No Change – Stays at DMS			
<i>Moves students from SES to BES because SES cannot sustain its current growth levels.</i>									
44	North of existing Sunfield	SES	BES	0	226	MMS	DMS	0	126
45	North of existing Sunfield	SES	BES	0	1	MMS	DMS	0	1
46	Further north of Sunfield along Toll 45	SES	BES	0	17	MMS	DMS	0	10
48	North of Toll 45 at I 35	SES	BES	0	15	MMS	DMS	0	9
49	Turner's Crossing	SES	BES	49	92	MMS	DMS	25	46
50	South of Turners Crossing and Toll 45	SES	BES	7	111	MMS	DMS	2	58

Projection Data

Under Utilized	Light Blue	69% or less utilization
Ideal Utilization	Light Green	70% – 100% utilization
Manageable Utilization	Yellow	101% - 125% utilization
Overcrowded	Light Red	126% or greater utilization

Buda ES (900 Student Capacity)		2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034	2034-2035	2035-2036
Current Map	Students	588	612	681	779	935	1,084	1,214	1,332	1,448	1,515
	Utilization %	65%	68%	76%	87%	104%	120%	135%	148%	161%	168%
Proposed New Map	Students	618	618	628	669	778	872	963	1,037	1,093	1,154
	Utilization %	69%	69%	70%	74%	86%	97%	107%	115%	121%	128%

Carpenter Hill ES (800 Student Capacity)		2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034	2034-2035	2035-2036
Current Map	Students	412	388	397	392	419	443	482	521	559	593
	Utilization %	52%	49%	50%	49%	52%	55%	60%	65%	70%	74%
Proposed New Map	Students	478	468	506	554	640	732	840	947	1,054	1,110
	Utilization %	60%	59%	63%	69%	80%	92%	105%	118%	132%	139%

Elm Grove ES (982 Student Capacity)		2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034	2034-2035	2035-2036
Current Map	Students	532	488	472	439	421	423	426	429	429	434
	Utilization %	54%	50%	48%	45%	43%	43%	43%	44%	44%	44%
Proposed New Map	Students	601	582	609	618	650	703	747	784	810	849
	Utilization %	61%	59%	62%	63%	66%	72%	76%	80%	82%	86%

Sunfield ES (900 Student Capacity)		2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034	2034-2035	2035-2036
Current Map	Students	1,079	1,171	1,263	1,349	1,450	1,529	1,613	1,681	1,728	1,785
	Utilization %	120%	130%	140%	150%	161%	170%	179%	187%	192%	198%
Proposed New Map	Students	1,022	1,099	1,178	1,226	1,265	1,280	1,293	1,303	1,313	1,322
	Utilization %	114%	122%	131%	136%	141%	142%	144%	145%	146%	147%

Note: A new elementary school southeast of the Sunfield subdivision is currently funded and projected to open in 2028, which will alleviate projected overcrowding at this campus.

McCormick MS (1,236 Student Capacity)		2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034	2034-2035	2035-2036
Current Map	Students	1,414	1,462	1,517	1,644	1,743	1,903	2,017	2,225	2,415	2,627
	Utilization %	114%	118%	123%	133%	141%	154%	163%	180%	195%	213%
Proposed New Map	Students	1,344	1,384	1,429	1,542	1,610	1,737	1,820	1,986	2,152	2,334
	Utilization %	109%	112%	116%	125%	130%	141%	147%	161%	174%	189%

Note: The design fees for a new middle school to alleviate overcrowding at this campus are funded. Construction for the new middle school is expected to be presented to voters for consideration in 2027.

Dahlstrom MS (1,243 Student Capacity)		2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034	2034-2035	2035-2036
Current Map	Students	687	678	699	735	757	808	876	994	1,104	1,174
	Utilization %	55%	55%	56%	59%	61%	65%	70%	80%	89%	94%
Proposed New Map	Students	779	778	809	859	912	996	1,095	1,255	1,389	1,489
	Utilization %	63%	63%	65%	69%	73%	80%	88%	101%	112%	120%

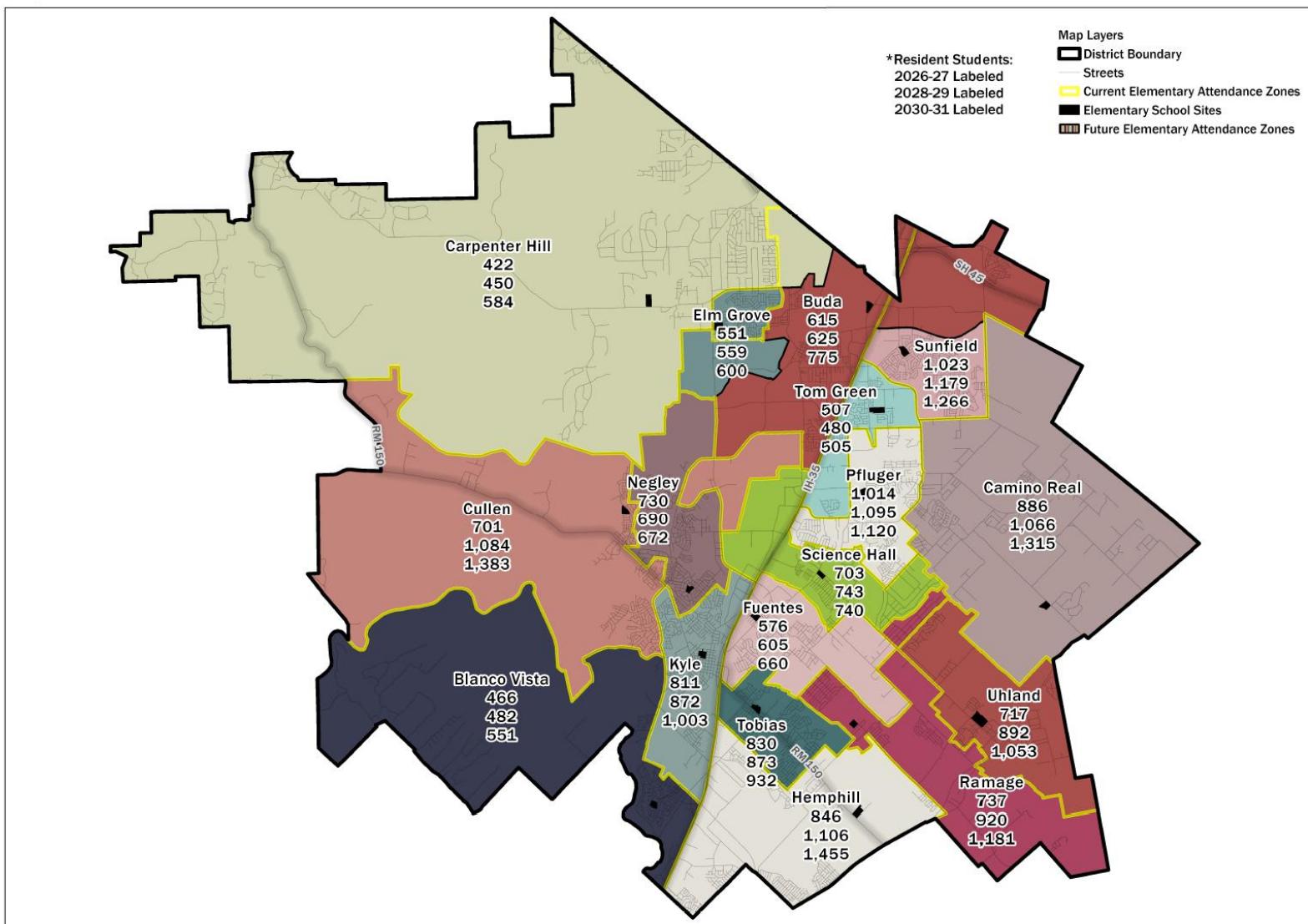
Maps of Proposed New Attendance Zones

Attendance Zone Modifications Option 1

Proposed Elementary Catchment Areas - 2026, 2028, and 2030 Labeled
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0 0.5 1 2 Miles



Attendance Zone Modifications Option 1

Proposed Middle School Catchment Areas - 2026, 2028, and 2030 Labeled
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