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**Boundary
Descriptions and
Maps**

A district shall file with the Texas Education Agency (TEA):

1. A complete and legally sufficient description of the boundaries of the district.
2. A map of the district that is:
 - a. Drawn to the county general highway maps produced by the Texas Department of Transportation or a similar map of sufficient detail to display the names of visible features that the boundaries follow or to which the boundaries are in close proximity; and
 - b. An accurate and legible representation of the boundaries in relationship to other features on the map.
3. A list of voting precincts within the district, separately listing those precincts wholly within the district and those precincts only partly within the district.

A district shall amend the information and maps on file with TEA if the boundaries of the district change or if any other change makes the information on file incomplete or inaccurate.

Education Code 13.010

**Changes in
Boundaries**

Any change in the boundaries of a district is not effective unless approved by a majority of the board if the board's approval is required under Education Code Chapter 13. *Education Code 13.008*

**Minor Boundary
Adjustments**

Two contiguous districts may adjust their common boundary by agreement if, at the time the agreement is executed:

1. No child who resides in the territory that is transferred from one jurisdiction to the other is enrolled in a school of the district from which the territory is transferred; and
2. The taxable value of the territory that is transferred from one jurisdiction to the other does not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the total taxable value of all property in the district from which the territory is transferred. "Taxable value" is defined at Government Code 403.302.

Education Code 13.231

**Notice of Boundary
Change**

A district that changes its boundaries or the boundaries of districts used to elect members to the board shall not later than the 30th day after the date the change is adopted:

*To Voter
Registrar*

1. Notify the voter registrar of the county in which the area subject to the boundary change is located of the adopted boundary change; and

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2. Provide the voter registrar with a map of an adopted boundary change in a format that is compatible with the mapping format used by the registrar's office.

Election Code 42.0615

*To County
Appraiser*

A district shall notify the appraisal office of any boundary changes within 30 days after the date of the change. *Tax Code 6.07*

**Detachment and
Annexation**

In accordance with Education Code 13.051, territory may be detached from a district and annexed to another district that is contiguous to the detached territory. A petition requesting the detachment and annexation must be presented to the board of the district from which the territory is to be detached and to the board of the district to which the territory is to be annexed. Each board to which a petition is required to be presented must conduct a hearing and adopt a resolution for the annexation to be effective. *Education Code 13.051(a)*

Immediately following receipt of the petition as required by this section, each affected board shall give notice of the contemplated change by publishing and posting a notice in the manner required for an election order under Education Code 13.003. The notice must specify the place and date at which a hearing on the matter shall be held. Unless the districts hold a joint hearing, the districts must hold hearings on separate dates. At each hearing, affected persons are entitled to an opportunity to be heard. *Education Code 13.051(g)*

For more information about detachment and annexation, see Education Code Chapter 13, Subchapter B (Detachment and Annexation).

**Detachment and
Creation**

A new district may be created by detaching territory from an existing district or existing contiguous districts and establishing a new district. A district created under Education Code Chapter 13, Subchapter C has all the rights and privileges of other independent school districts. *Education Code 13.101*

For more information about the creation of the district by detachment, including the requirement to hold an election, see Education Code Chapter 13, Subchapter C (Creation of District by Detachment).

Consolidation

By the procedure provided by Education Code Chapter 13, Subchapter D, two or more districts may consolidate into a single district. The consolidated district may include area in more than one county. *Education Code 13.151*

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For more information about the consolidation of two or more districts, including election requirements, see Education Code Chapter 13, Subchapter D (Consolidation).

Abolition

Abolition of an independent school district is initiated by a petition requesting an election on the question. The petition must be signed by a majority of the board of the district to be abolished and must be presented to the county judge of each county in which part of the independent school district is situated. *Education Code 13.202*

For more information about the abolition of the district, including election requirements, see Education Code Chapter 13, Subchapter E (Abolition).