

## **Attendance Boundary Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Are the overall district boundaries impacted by this process?**

- Only the school boundaries within the district are affected. Changing external boundaries involves an extensive statute-driven process that is not part of the Long Range Facility Planning process. The current district boundaries include the cities of Raymore, Peculiar, and smaller portions of Belton, Lee's Summit, Lake Winnebago, and rural Cass County. All property within the overall district boundary is part of the district tax base.

### **What did the committee consider as they developed the proposed boundaries?**

- The committee reviewed data from a variety of sources as it developed the proposed boundaries. Types of data included enrollment history, enrollment projections, housing development trends and projections, student/neighborhood demographic information, and school building capacities. Local cities provided residential development information to assist the committee's work. The committee established priorities for the boundary process and worked diligently to develop consensus on the proposed boundaries. Community feedback was gathered through a survey, and guidance was provided by the Board of Education during the process. For more information on the process, including an information sheet, please visit the Attendance Boundary Committee webpage: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/1072/Attendance-Boundary-Committee>

### **Why are some schools projected to have larger enrollments for next year than others? Will class sizes be impacted?**

- The committee considered anticipated future growth as part of the planning process. The current boundaries have been in place for 10 years, and the hope is that the new boundaries will be in place for a similar period of time. Schools in areas with more anticipated growth (e.g. Creekmoor, Stonegate, and Eagle Glen) will open with fewer students than schools in areas with limited opportunity for growth (e.g. Raymore, which will also have more classrooms available with the relocation of the early childhood program). Class sizes on average will be similar

across the district - schools will have room to add sections as needed to maintain comparable class sizes.

**Will bus transportation be offered to the same areas that are currently served?**

- Some busing patterns will be impacted with the conversion of the intermediate schools to neighborhood elementary schools. The current practice of providing transportation for students living more than a mile from their school will continue. In addition, case by case decisions will be made in locations less than a mile from school that have specific safety concerns. For the most part, major roads serve as boundary divisions. In cases such as HWY 58 and Lucy Webb in the Raymore Elementary attendance area, transportation services are planned for those living across those streets from the school, even if less than a mile.

**When will bus routes be determined?**

- Bus routes will be finalized after registration in early August to account for all currently enrolled students, similar to past practice. Many routes should have shorter ride times with the establishment of the second middle school and one additional elementary school in the new configuration.

**Will the same co-curricular and extracurricular programs be offered at each middle school?**

- The plan is to offer the same programs at each middle school.

**Will there be an opportunity to request transfers within the district?**

- The current system for transfer requests will continue next year. Parents may submit requests for transfers prior to July 1, and notification of the decision will be provided after registration in early August. Such requests are typically only granted when a hardship situation exists (documentation may be requested) and the parent is willing to provide transportation. The impact to class sizes at the requested school is considered as well.

### **Why do some areas south of Lucy Webb go to East Middle School?**

- The proposed alignment allows for a feeder system. Elementary students from a given school will all go together to the same middle school when they enter sixth grade. Several of our current fourth grade elementary classes split when they move up to intermediate school, and this is avoided with the feeder system.

### **What school names will change for next year?**

- North High School becomes South Middle School
- Bridle Ridge Intermediate becomes Bridle Ridge Elementary
- Eagle Glen Intermediate becomes Eagle Glen Elementary
- Shull Elementary becomes Shull Early Learning Center

### **When will staffing decisions be made for next school year?**

- The staffing process has already begun. Principals have been named for South Middle School, Eagle Glen Elementary, and Bridle Ridge Elementary. Once the boundary process is complete and anticipated enrollments are established based on those boundaries, staffing needs for all buildings will be determined. The intention is to notify staff members of any change in assignment by February or March. Staff will be placed through a process designed to build strong teams at every school.

### **Will transition activities be offered to help students and families who will be switching schools for next year?**

- Yes, a variety of activities will be planned to help any students and families switching schools be comfortable with their new school assignment. Such opportunities have been offered annually as students moved up from level to level (elementary to intermediate to middle school to high school). Similar events will be offered for students who will be switching schools next year due to the new attendance boundaries. Events may include preview days, open houses, and building tours.

### **Will efforts be made to ensure consistency between schools at each grade span?**

- While each school works to establish its own school culture, all schools in the Raymore-Peculiar School District are of high quality and seek to offer the same academic experience for students. All of our schools perform well on their Annual Performance Reports from the state. School leaders will continue efforts

to ensure essential elements are consistent between schools. While some variation is to be expected as staff work to meet the needs of specific students, the overall expectations are consistent between schools at each grade span.

**When will families receive official notice of their school assignments for next school year?**

- All current student addresses in grades K through 7 will be assigned to their respective school boundaries for 2017-18. The one-mile transportation limits will be verified as well, with exceptions made as needed for safety reasons. School locations for certain district-wide specialized programs will also be determined, as needed. Once this information is complete, formal notice letters will be sent to families confirming school assignments and transportation service eligibility for next school year. This notice process is anticipated to be completed by February, but until such notice, families can refer to the maps for their anticipated assignments.

**Who do I contact if I have additional questions regarding the new attendance boundaries?**

- Please contact one of the following individuals by email or by phone:
  - Dr. Kari Monsees, Superintendent ([kari.monsees@raypec.org](mailto:kari.monsees@raypec.org))
  - Dr. Bryan Pettengill, Asst. Superintendent ([bryan.pettengill@raypec.org](mailto:bryan.pettengill@raypec.org))
  - Dr. Al Voelker, Asst. Superintendent ([al.voelker@raypec.org](mailto:al.voelker@raypec.org))
  - District Office Phone: 816-892-1300

**Description of Attendance Area Changes**

**Peculiar Elementary:** No changes in the current boundary.

**Bridle Ridge Elementary:** Includes all of what was previously the Shull Elementary boundary. Also now includes the Stonegate Elementary area south of Hubach Hill; the southern most Raymore Elementary areas of Moon Valley, Hunters Glen, Park Place, and Coventry Meadows; and the Timber Creek Elementary area south of Lucy Webb.

**Stonegate Elementary:** Now includes the area west of I-49 that was previously part of Creekmoor (Lakewood Terrace and Traditions). Moves Canter Ridge to Raymore Elementary and the area south of Hubach Hill to Bridle Ridge.

**Eagle Glen Elementary:** Newly formed to include the area between I-49 and just west of Sunset Lane, and between HWY 58 and Lucy Webb.

**Creekmoor Elementary:** Reduced in size to include the area between HWY 58 and 155th street, and between Kentucky Road and Madison Street.

**Timber Creek Elementary:** Adds former Creekmoor area east of Madison Street. Moves area south of Lucy Webb to Bridle Ridge and moves the areas of Falcon Crest, The Pointe at Raymore, and Ramblewood to Raymore Elementary.

**Raymore Elementary:** Adds Canter Ridge from Stonegate and the areas of Falcon Crest, Ramblewood, and The Pointe at Raymore from Timber Creek. Moves area west of Sunset Lane to Eagle Glen.

**RP East Middle School:** The East Middle School attendance area will include the following elementary attendance boundaries: Creekmoor Elementary, Timber Creek Elementary, Raymore Elementary, and Eagle Glen Elementary.

**RP South Middle School:** The South Middle School attendance area will include the following elementary attendance boundaries: Stonegate Elementary, Bridle Ridge Elementary, and Peculiar Elementary.