

Attendance Guidelines for the 2016-17 Boundary Re-Alignment

1. All current transfers will remain in place, PreK-12. Neither elementary boundaries nor transfers are affected by changes in the realignment process.
2. Transportation will only be provided between attendance zones and their newly assigned schools.
3. With the exception of HEARTLAND (see below #6), any students currently in a middle or high school may choose to stay in that middle or high school through the school's terminal grade (i.e. 8th or 12th, respectively); however, if the newly drawn attendance boundary lines assign their home address to another middle or high school, they may choose to attend that school.

IMPORTANT:

- Any student whose address is within the newly drawn attendance boundaries is afforded the choice of staying at his/her current school or moving to the new school. To avoid confusion, each student who resides within the new boundaries is expected to complete an "Enrollment Commitment Form" and submit it to his/her current school's counseling office by Friday, March 11.
 - Any student failing to submit an "Enrollment Commitment Form" will be enrolled at the school designated by the newly drawn attendance zones.
4. Middle schoolers who choose to remain at a school outside of their home's newly drawn attendance zone through eighth grade will start high school in the vertical that is aligned with the new boundary lines.
 5. All incoming 2016-17 sixth and ninth graders must attend the middle or high school according to the newly redrawn boundary lines, unless they are eligible and apply for a sibling enrollment exception. (See "Sibling Enrollment Exception" below.)
 6. No new transfers will be approved at the secondary level other than the enrollment exceptions specifically outlined below:
 - **Sibling enrollment exception**
 - ✓ Will only be allowed for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years
 - ✓ Will only be considered if older sibling will be enrolled at the higher level when the younger sibling begins his/her first year at the higher level.
 - **Example:** If a younger brother is in 8th grade this year, he may follow his older sophomore sister to her high school, even though the high school is no longer assigned to the family's home address.
 - **Example:** If a younger sister is in the 5th grade this year, she may follow her older 7th grade sister next year to a middle school that was formerly, but no longer, assigned to the family's home address.
 - **Example:** An eighth grader this year may not follow his sibling who is in the 12th grade and graduating because he will NOT have a sibling in the high school where the family was formerly, but no longer, assigned to.

- **Example:** A family that has a 6th grader and a 9th grader at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year will NOT qualify for the sibling attendance exception because the three years of the sibling exception will have expired at the end of the younger sibling's 8th grade year. So, the younger sibling will attend the new high school.
 - ✓ If an older sibling is already attending a school outside of his/her attendance area on a transfer (neither current nor newly zoned area), a younger sibling may as well. This will be allowed for the next three school terms: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19. As long as the younger sibling starts school within these three years, he/she may stay through graduation. This arrangement will require the family to complete and submit a "School Site Enrollment Exception Request" prior to March 11, 2016.
 - ✓ Any families who have already submitted a sibling enrollment exception request (transfer document) do not need to file any further transfer paperwork.
 - You will be notified in the days to come that we have received and approved your sibling transfer request.
 - ✓ If you have not completed a sibling enrollment exception request and you prefer for your younger child to attend the same middle or high school as the older child, you may pick-up an enrollment exception form (*the standard 2016-17 transfer form*), available at the school district office (1001 W. Danforth) or at local school sites. Forms must be completed and returned to the Edmond Public Schools' district office by Friday, March 11, at 4 pm to be approved to attend a middle or high school that is no longer assigned to the family's home address.
 - ✓ Siblings must live in the same household within the district to access the sibling enrollment exception option.
 - **ROTC enrollment exception**
 - ✓ Upon approval and based on the maximum student capacity for North's ROTC program, incoming freshmen may enroll in ROTC and attend North High School as an "ROTC Enrollment Exception." If a student enrolls in ROTC and subsequently drops out or is dismissed from the program, he/she must then return to his/her home high school.
7. The 2016-17 sixth and seventh grade students whose addresses are assigned to Heartland in the boundary realignment must attend the new school. Eighth graders may choose to stay at their current school or move to Heartland; however, transportation will only be provided to Heartland in those areas rezoned for the new school. Eighth graders must make their choice by March 11 and have a commitment form on file in the Summit or Cheyenne counseling office to indicate their choice to STAY at their current school versus moving onto Heartland.
 8. As with EPS Policy #4850, an intra-district enrollment (transfer) exception is subject to revocation by the principal of the school to which the child has been transferred if the student's grades, attendance (absences and/or tardies), transportation arrangements, or behavior reach an unacceptable level.
 9. The superintendent of schools shall have the authority to make exceptions for unanticipated issues and extraordinary circumstances as a result of the 2016 boundary realignment.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please call Jan Harris, 340-2277, for questions related to grades PreK-5, or Judy Thomas, 340-2823, for questions related to grades 6-12.