

FISD proposes 2012-2013 zoning changes

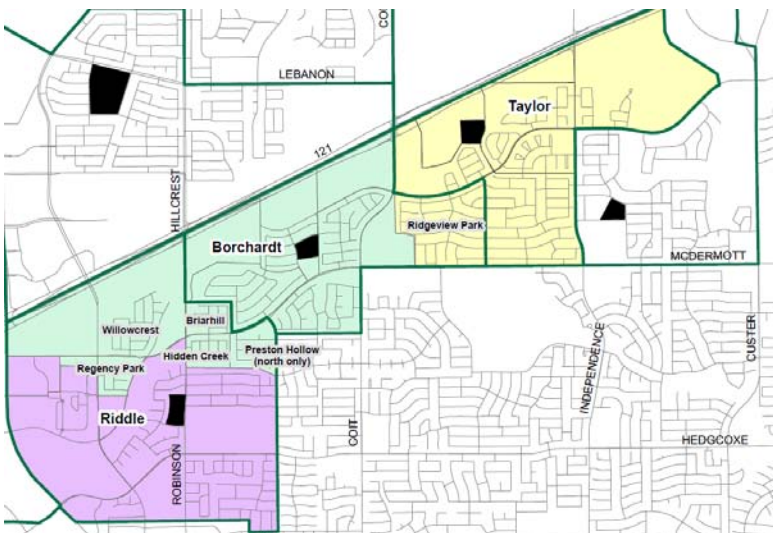
At the regular meeting of the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday, December 12, the Administration will continue to discuss attendance zones for the 2012-2013 school year.

In October each year, FISD receives the updated fall projections and those numbers are used to draw the preliminary zones for review at the November board meeting. Those proposals are communicated and input is taken from parents. An opportunity for citizen input will also be extended at the December 12 regular board meeting (**located at 5515 Ohio Dr., Frisco, Texas 75035**) as the Board moves toward making a final decision on the new boundaries at the January board meeting.

As staff develops the proposed plans, they take into consideration issues of effective utilization of space and programming, student stability, proximity to the school, diversity of the student body, and unity in the community. No one factor is more important than another in this process of formulating zones, although in these economic times effective utilization of space is a priority consideration. When making boundary decisions, the district looks at what zones will hold for the longest period of time.

In order to relieve crowding at Riddle Elementary and balance enrollments in schools south of SH 121, some areas must be rezoned from Riddle to Borchardt and from Borchardt to Taylor.

- The neighborhoods proposed to move from Riddle to Borchardt are:
 - Briarhill Estates
 - Hidden Creek Estates
 - Following streets in Preston Hollow—Avebury, Burnhill, Loomis, Severn and Wyvones Way
 - Regency Park
 - Enclaves and Estates at Willowcrest
- The neighborhood proposed to move from Borchardt to Taylor:
 - Ridgeview Park



As the demographic team has reviewed projections and input, they will be recommending to the Board that students who are currently attending Riddle and Borchardt be grandfathered if they so choose. The staff would prefer to balance the enrollments more quickly, and will continue to monitor growth in the area, but unless projections change dramatically, this should be workable and is being recommended in light of the situation of having to modify existing zones. Grandfathering will not include siblings that are not currently in school.

With grandfathering, the enrollment projections are as follows:

Grandfathering K-1-2-3-4th		
Riddle	Borchardt	Taylor
2012: 840	2012: 674	2012: 575
2013: 869	2013: 706	2013: 587
2014: 831	2014: 723	2014: 612
2015: 809	2015: 735	2015: 626

If you have questions or input you would like to give regarding these elementary adjustments and grandfathering, please contact Rick Cohagan at cohaganr@friscoisd.org or 469-633-6356. He compiles all input and the Board receives weekly updates of citizen comments.

Note: Elementary school capacity is 760. Transfer applications are accepted if a school is under 90 percent capacity, which is 684 at an elementary school. Under these guidelines and projections, applications will not be accepted at Riddle and probably not at Borchardt (certainly not past next year).