

## FISD finalizes 2012-2013 zoning changes

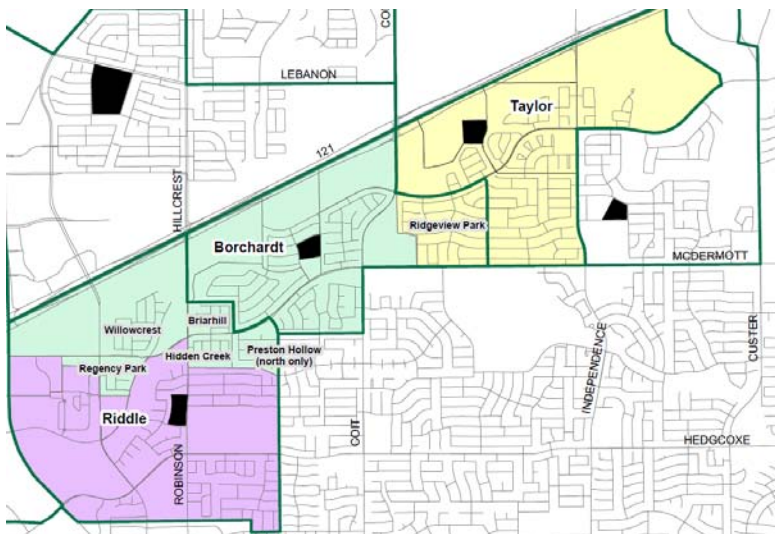
At the regular meeting of the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday, January 9, the Administration finalized attendance zones for the 2012-2013 school year.

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 is extended at the December regular board meeting 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 that will 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 that will move from Borchardt to Taylor is:
  - Ridgeview Park



**As the demographic team reviewed projections and input, they recommended 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 was recommended and approved in light of the situation of having to modify existing zones. Grandfathering will not include siblings that are not currently in school.**