

FISD proposes 2012-2013 zoning changes as Vandeventer Middle School opens

At the regular meeting of the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday, November 14, members were presented with a proposed zone for Billy Vandeventer Middle School, scheduled to open in the 2012-2013 school year to relieve Fowler and Scoggins Middle Schools.

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, 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.

Vandeventer Middle School, located at 6075 Independence Parkway, Frisco, Texas 75035, is projected to enroll 759 students in the fall under this proposal. The neighborhoods proposed to attend Vandeventer Middle School are:

- Bella Vida Apartments
- Castlebrook at Ridgeview
- Courtney Manor Apartments
- Estancia at Ridgeview Ranch Apartments
- Fairway Villas at Ridgeview
- Fairways of Ridgeview
- Hunters Creek
- Legends at Ridgeview Ranch Apartments
- Ridgeview Ranch
- Ridgeview Ranch Estates
- Turnbridge Manor
- Villas at Ridgeview Ranch

This is all of the Anderson and Isbell Elementary zones and part of Taylor. Vandeventer will feed Liberty High School.

If you have questions or input you would like to give regarding these options, please contact Dennis Brent at brentd@friscoisd.org or 469-633-6207. He will compile all input and the Board will receive weekly updates of citizen comments.

Note: Middle school capacity is 950-1,000 students. FISD caps enrollment at about 1,125-1,175 while a new middle school is being built to relieve the over capacity school. Transfer applications are accepted if a school is under 90 percent capacity. Fowler will not be able to accept transfer applications under these guidelines.

