

Frequently Asked Questions About Boerne ISD Attendance Zones

When will the new boundaries go into effect?

Herff Elementary and Voss Middle School are scheduled to open August 2019. New campus boundaries go into effect at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

Will current students living in a realigned zone be exempt or “grandfathered” so they can continue to attend their current school?

Students entering the fifth grade in the year of realignment will have the option of remaining at their current school. In that year only, younger siblings also will have the option of remaining at their current campus. However, the following year – once the fifth grader has promoted to sixth grade – all younger siblings, regardless of grade, must enroll at the school for which their family residence is zoned.

During the opening year of Voss Middle School (2019-2020), eighth-grade students in the Voss Middle School attendance zone will be allowed the opportunity to choose between attending the campus in which they are already enrolled and Voss Middle School. **CORRECTION: There will be no exemption provision for younger middle school siblings; all sixth and seventh grade students living in the Voss zone are required to attend Voss in 2019-20.** In 2020-21, all students will be at Voss, Boerne Middle School North, or Boerne Middle School South as determined by their address and subsequent zone.

Please note: High school choice expires at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

If my eighth-grade student chooses to remain at their current campus, will district transportation be provided?

District transportation will be provided during the 2019-20 school year for those eighth-grade students who opt to remain at their current campus (BMSN / BMSS).

Will the district provide transportation if my fifth-grade student chooses to remain at their current campus?

Parents will be responsible for providing transportation for students who choose to remain at their current campus for the 2019-20 school year.

When will principals be named for the new schools?

Principals for Herff Elementary and Voss Middle School will be identified Spring 2019; campus are scheduled to open August 2019.

Will administrators be selected before we have to make a decision?

The eighth-grade students zoned for Voss Middle School who were offered a choice must notify Bisd by January 1, 2019. Administrators for Voss Middle School will be selected Spring 2019.

Will the new schools have all new teachers? How will they be selected?

All three new campuses will include a combination of current teachers and teachers new to the district. These hiring decisions will be based in part on staffing needs at the new schools and interest expressed by current teachers to move to the new campuses.

What time will school start?

Existing bell schedules will be in effect for the new schools, too. First bell at the elementary schools rings at 7:35 a.m. Dismissal is at 2:50 p.m. Middle school first bell rings at 8:45 a.m. Dismissal is at 4 p.m.

Will the new school have a PTO? How can I join?

Yes, each new school will have an independent Parent-Teacher Organization. Your campus principal will assist in the initial recruitment and development of your school's PTO. The campus will contact all parents about organizational meetings and your volunteer participation will be appreciated.

Which grades will open Voss Middle School?

Voss Middle School will open with sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

When will school colors and mascots be announced for the new schools?

The process of selecting school colors and a mascot will be led by each new school's principal. Specifics of that process will be determined and announced by the principal.

What impact will realignment have on the Dual Language program?

Decisions regarding specialized programs such as Dual Language have not yet been finalized. Attendance zones do not impact the location of District programs such as Dual Language.

Will high school attendance zones be realigned?

No. The committee that studied the issue and made realignment recommendations was not charged with reviewing high school attendance zones; there is not a current need to review those boundaries.

How do I get more information and answers to my questions about attendance zone realignment?

Visit our Zone Realignment page or call the BISD Facilities Department, 830-357-2065.

Do you have to have a certain number of eighth graders interested in making the switch to the new school in order for you to run the current programs that are offered at other middle schools?

All three middle schools will offer the same extracurricular programs such as athletics, fine arts, etc.

Clubs and other extracurriculars are not the same at North and South, so which will be available at Voss, and when will we know?

Club options will be determined by the campus principal and staff members. Extracurriculars mirror at North and South.

What happens if you do not have the numbers to warrant running all the same classes and curriculum?

We will have full classes of sixth and seventh graders; that alone will warrant all program offerings. All indications now show that we will have plenty of eighth graders at all three campuses to provide all programs.

Is High School Choice still an option?

High School choice expires at the end of the 2018-19 school year.