



Questions and Answers West Side Proposed Boundary Changes, February 23, 2018

1. When will the boundaries change? If approved, these changes will go into effect at the start of the 2018-19 school year.

2. Which students will be affected? The boundary changes represent different geographic areas. **One area** is a **PHASED-IN** effect for boundary changes from Seven Springs to Paul R. Smith middle schools and from J.W. Mitchell to Anclote high schools. This means rising 6th and rising 9th grade students from this area will be assigned to the new boundary school, while any student from this area who currently attends Seven Springs Middle School for the 2017-18 school year may remain through the 8th grade and any student who currently attends J.W. Mitchell High School for the 2017-18 school year may remain through the 12th grade.

The **second area** of boundary changes previously implemented by the School Board last year, but subsequently invalidated by the Court, are being considered in this rezoning if approved by the School Board. These include students from Seven Springs Middle and J.W. Mitchell High Schools to River Ridge Middle and River Ridge High Schools. This is not a phased in effect.

The **third area** would move students from Anclote High to Gulf High School. This is not a phased in effect.

3. How will I know which school my child will be attending next year? The proposed map, posted on the rezoning page of the Pasco County Schools' website, details the impacted areas: www.pasco.k12.fl.us/planning/rezoning

4. If my child was previously approved for school choice to attend an out-of-boundary school that is now impacted by boundary changes, do I need to complete a School Choice-Open Enrollment Application for the 2018-19 school year? No, you would not need to complete an application. The Superintendent's current recommendation to the Board would not require a school choice reset.

5. Can my child attend an out-of-boundary school? Because the School Board will not vote on the proposed boundaries before the normal School Choice Application period closes on March 1, 2018, a special school choice window will be offered only for boundary impacted students. Once the Board has set the boundaries, impacted families will be notified of the web address for on-line application submission for consideration to attend a requested non-zoned school.

Every eligible application will be reviewed before ANY decisions are made for boundary impacted schools, including those submitted during the regular school choice window that closed March 1.

6. How do these boundary changes affect bus transportation for my child? Transportation is provided to zoned schools. However, transportation to a school that is outside the student's attendance zone is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

7. My child is in an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program. Will there be any change due to the new boundaries? Unless your child's educational program is relocated, the boundary changes should not impact his/her educational services at the newly zoned school.

8. How will decisions about school choice applications be made? The district has a Board approved Controlled Open Enrollment Plan for 2018-19. This plan, reviewed and revised annually as needed, complies with state and federal laws. It established preferences for school choice requests and guides all decisions for parental requests to attend a school of choice. The plan may be viewed at :

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/library/ed_choice/Controlled_Open_Enrollment_plan.pdf

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us:

- *For the boundary map, please contact the planning department at 727-774-7970.*
- *For questions about school choice, please email us at schoolchoice@pasco.k12.fl.us.*