



Metropolitan School District of
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TO: MSDWT Families

FROM: Dr. Jon Milleman, Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: New School Attendance Boundaries – Beginning 2019-2020

Dear MSDWT Families,

At its May 9, 2018 meeting, the MSDWT School Board approved new attendance boundaries to begin with the 2019-2020 school year for all District elementary and middle schools. Some families' attendance zones have changed to one of our two new elementary schools (Clearwater Elementary and Willow Lake Elementary). Some families' attendance zones have changed to one of our existing schools. Many families' attendance zones have remained unchanged.

Below, you will find some important answers to frequently asked questions related to the new attendance boundaries. Please review this information.

Q. How do I find the elementary and middle school assigned to my home address?

- A.** The District is providing an interactive map and a video tutorial to assist families. The map allows the user to type in an address or click on a location on the map to view the assigned elementary and middle school. The map and information may be found at: www.msdt.k12.in.us/attendance-boundaries.

Principals and the District will also share information throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

Q. Will some students be allowed to remain in their current school if their address assigns them to a different school?

- A.** Beginning in 2019-2020, all students will be assigned to the school that corresponds to the new attendance boundaries.

EXCEPTIONS:

A student currently attending a school due to a special program such as special education may be assigned to the current school in 2019-2020.

Students may be able to attend the current school if the District has approved a new 2019-2020 Limited Choice application. All current Limited Choice families must reapply for the 2019-2020 school year. (See below.)



Q. Will COMPASS students be required to change schools?

A. Beginning in 2019-2020, the COMPASS students will be assigned according to the locations below. If the school assigned to a COMPASS student's address is a COMPASS location, the student will be required to attend that school. *(District policy allows the administration to assign students to a school based on enrollment numbers).*

- Fox Hill (Fox Hill, Spring Mill, Greenbriar, possibly some Nora students)
- Crooked Creek: (Crooked Creek, Willow Lake)
- Clearwater: (Clearwater, possibly some Nora students)
- Allisonville: (Allisonville)

Q. Will the District continue the Limited Choice Program?

A. Yes. The District is continuing the Limited Choice Program. The MSDWT School Board, at its May 9, 2018 meeting, adopted the following process with regard to the Limited Choice:

- The 2019-2020 school year will be a baseline year. Therefore, all families, when reviewing attendance boundary options, should assume that their children will be required to attend the school assigned to their home's address;
- All families desiring Limited Choice to any of the District elementary or middle schools must apply or reapply for the 2019-2020 school year;
- No student will be assigned to their current school unless the Board approved attendance boundaries place the student's address in that school or the student has been *newly* approved as a 2019-2020 Limited Choice student;
- Limited Choice applications will be available August of 2018;
- Staff members applying for Limited Choice for their children to attend the school of their employment will receive priority;
- If Limited Choice applications exceed the school's capacity, approved requests will be determined by a random selection;
- Limited Choice applications randomly selected are not automatically approved. Approval is subject to District Policy, Guidelines, and procedures;
- The application process will be an online submission process (parents/guardians may be asked to submit some documents in paper form).

Q. Will the District continue the Non-Resident Student Program?

A. Yes. The District is maintaining the Non-Resident Program. The program continues to require parents to provide an Intent to Continue as Non-Resident form or submit a new application annually.

The timeline for Non-Resident applications will remain the same as the District's current timeline (October 15 – December 15).

If you have additional questions regarding the new attendance boundaries or any of the topics outlined above, please see your child's principal.

I wish you and your family an outstanding school year!

Sincerely,



Jon Milleman, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent