Redrawing attendance zone boundaries is a necessary, periodic process for balancing enrollments between schools. Students learn and perform at their best when schools are safe, well-maintained, and are neither overcrowded nor under-enrolled.

With this in mind, Fulton County Schools has set the following scope for the Fall 2022 Redistricting Process and is hosting a series of community forums to gather input before drafting attendance zone proposals. It is anticipated that a large number of schools will require redistricting at some level to balance student enrollment.

**NORTH FULTON**
- Balancing enrollment of elementary schools in the upper north central region of North Fulton
- Balancing enrollment of middle schools due to the opening of the replacement Crabapple Middle School
- Balancing enrollment of high schools
- Adjusting feeder pattern alignment

**SOUTH FULTON**
- Balancing enrollment of elementary schools in the lower western region of South Fulton
- Balancing enrollment of middle schools, with a focus on Capital Plan 2027 solutions
- Balancing enrollment of high schools

A list of potentially impacted schools is posted at www.fultonschools.org/redistricting.

Look for the "North Fulton Redistricting Information" and "South Fulton Redistricting Information" links.

Even if your school is not listed, be sure to stay engaged throughout the entire redistricting process as there may be some smaller adjustments made at other schools.

**School Board-Approved Criteria for Developing Redistricting Proposals**

A successful redistricting effort not only involves the community but also helps it understand why and how decisions are made. During the Fall 2022 forums, participants will review the School Board’s redistricting criteria below and can comment on these and other issues relevant to the criteria used for redrawing attendance lines.

*Excerpt from Fulton County School Board Policy AD: “School Attendance Zones”*

**PRIMARY CRITERIA**
- **Geographic Proximity**
  Distance traveled using available routes of transportation.
- **Instructional Capacity**
  Number of students who can be accommodated at the school, taking into account the number of classrooms and rooms needed for art, music, labs, ESOL, special education, and Talented and Gifted (TAG) programs.
- **Projected Enrollment**
  Number of students assigned to a school, taking into account the future projected enrollment.

**SECONDARY CRITERIA**

**Traffic Patterns**
Factors impacting accessibility of the school from all portions of the attendance zone, including travel time, traffic flow in the area, safe operation of school buses, and other safety considerations.

**Special Programs**
Special programs are those serving children with special needs that require use of additional space over and above a regular classroom. Where possible, the district avoids setting attendance zones that would place a disproportionate number of special programs at a school.

**Previous Rezoning**
The school system seeks to avoid rezoning neighborhoods more than once during a 3-year period if facility sizes and geographic distribution of student populations allow.

**School Feeder Alignment**
Where possible, consideration is given to the alignment of elementary, middle and high school attendance boundaries.
# Opportunities for Fall 2022 Redistricting Input and Feedback

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## WHEN?

- **Microsoft Teams**:
  - August 30
  - 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
  - August 31
  - 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- **School Board Community Meetings**
  - Redistricting 101 also will be presented at each School Board Member’s community meeting in August.

- **Deadlines for Online Comments**
  - September 13 (North Fulton)
  - September 16 (South Fulton)
  - October 4 (North Fulton)
  - October 7 (South Fulton)
  - October 19 (North Fulton)
  - October 21 (South Fulton)

## WHAT HAPPENS?

- **No maps presented.**
- FCS staff will lead virtual meetings to explain the redistricting process, including population trends throughout Fulton County, data, and the School Board’s criteria used to create new attendance zone boundaries.
- These meetings are designed to help parents understand the process and the criteria before the forums begin in September.

- **Maps presented for the first time.**
- These forums gather community input so it can be used to create attendance zone proposals.
- FCS staff will outline the process and rules for participation.
- Participants then move to small-group sessions. Facilitators will gather input so every voice is heard.
- Afterwards, FCS staff will review the comments and how they relate to the School Board-approved redistricting criteria.
- Using the input, FCS staff will create map proposals to present at the next forums.

- **A revised, condensed set of maps will be presented.**
- Like Round One, community members will divide into facilitated small groups to give input on the strengths and weaknesses of each map proposal.
- Before the next community forum, FCS staff will condense the number of attendance zone alternatives based on public input.
- After the meeting, FCS staff will use the comments to develop a final recommendation for presenting to the School Board.

Fulton County Schools values and encourages public input regarding new school attendance zones. In addition to feedback gathered at these community forums, comments can be mailed and/or emailed to:

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planning@fultonschools.org

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