



1. When and how will my family find out about the boundary changes?

Each family impacted by the boundary changes will receive a letter from the District. The letter will share which school will become your new neighborhood school as well as information about when the change will take place. We anticipate these letters will be sent out in August of 2019. In addition, each family impacted will be contacted by the principal at their new school, so that you can ask questions and get to know him/her.

2. Where can I find a map of the new boundaries?

You can find an interactive map of both current boundaries and the new boundaries on the [District website](#). The interactive map allows you to enter an address to determine the school path (elementary, middle school, high school) for your home. Please keep in mind that This tool is only an approximation. **If you live near a border of a particular school boundary, please call Eau Claire Area School District Office at (715) 852-3000 to verify.**

3. When will the boundary changes take effect?

Boundary changes take effect in September 2020.

4. My children love their current school. Will they be able to stay at that school until they are done with fifth grade?

The vast majority of students will transition to their new school in the fall of 2020.

There are two exceptions:

- **Students who will be in 5th grade in 2020-21 will be allowed to remain at their current school to finish their elementary years.** They will then transition to their new neighborhood middle school to begin 6th grade, unless criteria for alternate middle school request is approved.
- **Siblings of students who will be in 5th grade in 2020-21 will be allowed to remain at their current school for one additional year** and will then move to their new neighborhood school beginning the 2021-22 when the 5th grader transitions to middle school.

5. Our family is nervous about changing schools. What can we do to learn about our new school?

Staff from both your current school and your new school will work together during the 2019-20 school year to support your family through transition. Your family will be invited to events at your new school throughout the year. We encourage you to attend as a way to build connections with staff, students, and families. Each school will also host an open house specifically for new students in the spring of the year. These events will be opportunities for you to see the school and meet the staff with other classmates.

You are also encouraged to reach out to your new school if you have questions: call the principal, email a staff member, ask other parents. In addition, our playgrounds are open to the public outside of school hours; take your children to play on the playground.

Most importantly, prepare yourself for the transition as well. As a general rule of thumb, your children will follow your lead in this transition. If you keep a calm and confident demeanor, your children will too. We've listed a couple of resources below to get you started:

[10 Ways to Help Your Child Adjust to a New School](#)

[11 Tips for Adjusting to a New School](#)

[How Can I Help My Child Adjust to a New School?](#)

6. Will my child ride the bus to the new school? How long will the bus ride be?

The District partners with Student Transit to provide transportation for all students who qualify under the guidelines according to [District policy](#). Student Transit will reestablish routes for the 2020-21 school year, ensuring transportation will be provided for all students who qualify. If you have specific questions about your child's bus routes, you can contact Student Transit at 715-839-5116.

7. My neighborhood's new elementary school feeds into a different middle school. Where will my child attend middle school?

Families living in North of Highway 312 in the current Roosevelt attendance area and those near Highway 312 and Riverview Drive in the current Longfellow attendance area are in this situation.

The answer to this question will depend on the age of your children:

- **If you have a child attending middle school in 2020-21**, she or he may choose to attend the current middle school assigned to your neighborhood or the new middle school. Transportation will be provided.
- **If your older child is still in middle school when your younger child moves to middle school**, the younger child may choose to attend the current middle school assigned to your neighborhood or the new middle school. Transportation will be provided until the older child transitions to high school.
- **If your child starts middle school in 2021 or later and you do not have an older sibling in middle school**, your child will attend the new middle school assigned to your neighborhood.

8. I don't want to wait a year. Can I ask for my child to attend our new school in 2019-2020?

Families affected by boundary changes may complete an Alternate School Request to attend their new school during the 2019-20 school year. If there are seats available in the classes, these requests will be approved. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from their new school for the 2019-20 school year. Student Transit will reestablish routes for 2020-21 school year, ensuring transportation will be provided for all students who qualify.

9. Our family agreed to attend Sherman due to overcrowding at Roosevelt. Do we need to switch to Sam Davey in 2020-21?

No. Families who agreed to have their children attend Sherman due to overcrowding at Roosevelt will be allowed to stay at Sherman until they complete fifth grade, unless your address changes. Transportation will continue to be provided until the 2019-20 kindergarten class completes fifth grade.

10. I have more questions. Whom can I contact?

We know that families will have questions now and will probably have more questions later. You may contact the principal at your current school and/or your new school with any questions you have. You may also email 4KandElementaryFacilities@ecasd.us