



FAQ:

Middle School Attendance Line Adjustments for August 2022

Information presented to the
School Board of Trustees

May 23, 2022

Questions and Answers

Q: Do these changes impact the current high school attendance zones.

A: No, it does not. Our elementary, middle and high school attendance zones are created independent of each other.

Q: How often are adjustments made to attendance zones?

A: The last adjustments were made to middle school attendance zones when Dutchman Creek Middle School opened in 2007.

Q: Does the change in attendance lines impact athletic participation?

A: Any student who is now zoned to Rawlinson Road Middle School is now allowed to participate in athletics at Rawlinson Road Middle.

Q: If an eighth grader chooses to remain at Sullivan Middle or Dutchman Creek Middle, will they be allowed to participate in athletics at the school where they attend?

A: Any student who remains at the school where they were previously attending, will be allowed to participate in athletics at that school for the 2022-23 school year.

Q: Since Northwestern High School is beside Rawlinson Road Middle School, will students attending Rawlinson Road Middle be allowed to participate in athletics, including cheerleading, and band at Northwestern High School?

A: Only students zoned to attend Northwestern High School are allowed to “play up” on allowable athletic teams including cheerleading. As well, only students zoned for Northwestern High School are allowed to participate in their arts programs including band.

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Q: Why are you adjusting attendance lines?

Safety and security is our top priority, and we want to ensure we are able to safely address emergency situations should they arise. Sullivan MS has experienced growth in enrollment this school year and if the school continues to grow, we will be well above capacity for a safe learning environment. Additionally, we want to make sure all our students can experience academic success and we want to make sure their individual needs can be met – swelling class sizes make that difficult to meet that standard.

Q: Why was my neighborhood chosen?

There were several aspects taken into consideration when choosing the segments to adjust the lines. To impact the fewest number of students, the segments needed to be in Sullivan's attendance area and boarding Rawlinson Road's zone. When examining the attendance area, the segments in the area chosen met that criteria. Segments are not any one neighborhood, but more of a geographical area that sometimes includes part of a neighborhood and in other cases includes one or more neighborhoods. Transportation routes were also a consideration.

Q: My child is in a choice program.

These changes did not impact students enrolled in a choice program for the 2022-23 school year. Every effort was made to identify School of Choice students and they should not have received a letter. If a student has accepted a SOC placement for 2022-23 and they received a letter, you should reach out to our Student Services department.

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Q: My eighth grader has a sibling, and I want my eighth grader to remain at their school and the younger sibling to attend this school also.

A: Siblings are eligible to stay, you will have to fill out a Hardship Transfer form for each sibling individually. This form was included with your notification. The form can also be found on the district website under Student Services: <https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/Domain/825>

Q: Why did you all wait so long to tell us?

The district has been working on ways to alleviate the overcrowding at Sullivan Middle School for several months. The process has taken more time than anticipated.

Q: What about high school? I'm being moved to RRMS and NWHS is right next door, but my student is zoned for Rock Hill?

These moves will not impact high school zoning at this time, so your student is on schedule to move on to Rock Hill.

Q: Did the board vote on this?

The board is not required to vote on this issue. However, they were able to see the presentation at the May 23 meeting and ask questions.

Q: Why don't you open one of the closed schools?

A: The closure of elementary schools did not impact the middle school attendance lines.