

Redistricting Timeline

Maryland Education Article 4-109 gives the Board of Education the right of establishing school boundaries. Redistricting in Anne Arundel County Public Schools is governed by Board of Education Policy 900A (Attached). The process for redistricting is as follows:

- 1) **September 30th** enrollment data is gathered from all schools
- 2) Redistricting proposals may come from:
 - a. Public (Either as an individual or community, through the Office of Planning, Superintendent's Office or Board of Education.)
 - b. School Administration
 - c. Staff
 - d. Superintendent
 - e. Board of Education
- 3) The Superintendent may form a committee of parents from all schools that could be involved in the redistricting area or may direct staff to develop scenarios.
 - a. If a parent committee is formed, principals will be asked to nominate two (2) voting members.
 - i. The committee will meet, with staff assistance, to formulate a proposed boundary.
 - b. If a committee is not formed, staff will work on the development of scenarios on behalf of the Superintendent.
- 4) No later than the **first Board meeting in December**, the Superintendent must make a recommendation to the Board of Education as to the proposed redistricting.
- 5) The Board of Education will then take the Superintendent's recommendation into consideration and on or about the **first Board meeting scheduled in January, but not later than the end of January**, will vote, in public session, on what redistricting recommendation(s) to take to public briefing and hearing. At this time, the Board may:
 - a. Accept the Superintendent's recommendation
 - b. Modify the Superintendent's recommendation
 - c. Propose its own recommendation.
- 6) Upon the Board's vote in **January**, staff will conduct a briefing(s) explaining what recommendation(s) have been proposed. This is a time for the public to ask questions and receive clarification. No testimony is taken at a briefing.
- 7) After the briefing, at a time set by the Board (**usually in February**) and announced publicly, the Board will hold a hearing(s) and will accept verbal or written testimony on the proposed redistricting recommendation(s).
- 8) The Board then considers the testimony given and at the next Board meeting may amend or leave as is the recommended redistricting.
 - a. If the Board amends the redistricting proposed, steps 5, 6, and 7 are repeated. The Board will then, **no later than April 30th**, vote on the recommended redistricting.