

District Rezoning

Frequently Asked Questions

During the Open Comment period for Round 2 of the district rezoning process, HCSD received 167 questions, comments or suggestions through Let's Talk! We looked for common themes to develop an FAQ that might provide more understanding on the zoning committee's process.

Why not draw boundary lines that allow students to attend the closest school?

- Due to the density of the student population surrounding some of our schools, the closest school may simply run out of open seats.

Why was Challenger the only magnet school that wasn't partially zoned in the proposed plan?

- When the committee looked at a partial zone for Challenger, the data showed it would only provide relief to schools already well under enrollment. Requiring students to change schools, without providing relief for overcrowding, did not meet the criteria set forth by the board.

What will be the impact for choice and lottery students?

- According to current policy, choice students are able to stay for the duration of their academic career at their school. The committee will recommend that lottery students be allowed to complete their programs. The school board will make the final determination.

Q: Will any grades be grandfathered?

- The rezoning committee will discuss recommendations regarding grandfathering in future meetings and will provide their recommendations to the board in October.

Q: How can students take the technical programs at NCT if it becomes a zoned school?

- The programs offered at NCT would be treated like the programs at the remaining high schools and those requests can be made through the school choice process.

Q: Will Chocachatti be fully zoned?

- The committee is only recommending a partial zone for CES to help alleviate the projected growth in the area.

Q: How does Choice work if you don't want your student to go to their zoned school?

- Applications are required when a request is for initial entry of a student in a school other than his/her zoned school. Access to applications for Controlled Parental Choice, as well as Career Technical Programs, Cambridge AICE, International Baccalaureate, and Thematic Programs when not available at the zoned school are available online during the open enrollment period which is established each year by the School Board. More information is located on the district's [school choice](#) webpage.