Appendix p. Redistribution of Enrollment Projections for Schools

Introduction: BCPS school boundary changes occur in accordance with Policy and Rule 1280. When these occur, it is usually necessary to redistribute enrollment projections to account for the anticipated impact.

* If the boundary change is approved by the Board of Education (BOE) prior to annual enrollment projection calculations (November/December), the student movement is incorporated into projection methodology.

* If boundary changes are approved by the BOE in a December-March timeframe with changes affecting the coming school year, enrollment projections at affected schools are redistributed, per the methodology outlined below.

Description of Methodology: The method for reallocation of the projections is based on a proportional redistribution of the original enrollment projections. To determine proportionality, the following ratio is used:

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\frac{\text{(# of students currently attending home school who are affected by a boundary change)}}{\text{( # of students used to calculate original enrollment projection for the given home school)}}
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The first figure is obtained using a geographic information system (GIS) to capture the number of students affected by a boundary change. The second figure is the official September 30 enrollment count that was used to calculate the original enrollment projection. Once the ratios for each grade level at a school are determined, they are applied to the original projections to generate the reallocated figures for each school. Kindergarten projections are reallocated using ratios from first grade projections. This method does not account for special permission transfers which may be requested through BOE Policy 5140, including those terminal grade level students that may elect to remain at their current schools. Finally, this method should not be interpreted as a way to generate new enrollment projections but rather as a method for proportionally adjusting the original projections.

There are no anticipated redistributions of enrollment projections anticipated for the 2020–2021 school year at this time.