







## **FAQ on Secondary Student Transition**

How does Canyon ISD determine attendance boundaries?

Canyon ISD determines attendance boundaries through several ways: (1) collecting information from developers, such as where the development is, how many houses will be built, and the estimated cost of the homes, (2) a committee was established to determine the boundary lines, (3) several public entities reviewed the boundaries such as the highway patrol, (4) and the Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the boundary changes

How have elementary, intermediate and jr.high campuses been impacted by the change in boundaries?

All campuses have been impacted by the change except for Gene Howe and Arden Road Elementary Schools. Some campuses were more affected than others.

Will everyone - students, parents and teachers - be completely satisfied with the new boundaries?

We realize not everyone will be satisfied with the new boundaries. Change is difficult, but necessary with the growth in our district.

## Can I request a student transfer?

Yes, you can request a student transfer. All transfer requests will go through the transfer process that has been established. Due to enrollment and staffing projections at campuses, it is highly unlikely a transfer request will be honored. The transfer portal will open on January 3, 2022.

If I submit a transfer request for my student to stay at their current high school, when will I know if it is approved?

Before we can approve a transfer request, we are required to identify the classroom availability first, which can involve taking the attendance on the first day of school to determine who is present on campus. After we can identify classroom availability, we can begin to look at transfer requests. It could be after the first day of school before your student is approved for a transfer.

What are the options for a family that has both a Junior and a Sophomore attending Randall/Canyon high school for the 2021/2022 school year and will be affected by the boundary change?

The current junior will have the option to complete their senior year at the school they are currently zoned to attend or transition to the high school of the new attendance boundary. The sophomore will have to attend their junior year at the high school of their attendance boundary. Please see previous FAQ response.

What is the timeline for all construction to be complete?

Renovations at Randall High School will be complete during the 2021-2022 school year. West Plains High School will open in August 2022.

Randall Junior High will open in August 2022.

Do new schools offer the same programs as existing schools?

Yes, the West Plains High School and Randall Junior High will offer the same programs as the existing high schools and junior highs.

If there are courses offered at one High School and not another, will I have the opportunity to transfer to take those courses?

West Plains High School and Randall Junior High will offer the same programs as the existing high schools and junior highs.

Will West Plains High School have varsity athletic teams competing in UIL during the first year? Yes, West Plains High School will have varsity teams in all sports.

If a current junior chooses to attend West Plains High School, will they be eligible to play sports their senior year with the UIL requirements?

Yes, they will be able to participate in athletics during their senior year. A student's UIL eligibility is not affected by moving from the current high school to West Plains High School.

When is the transition supposed to take place?

September 10th - Online commitment form available for juniors.

October 1st - 4pm deadline to commit to a high school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Where is the online commitment?

An email was generated through skyward and sent out to the primary guardian of all junior students affected by the boundary changes. A link to the online commitment form was included in this email. If you did not receive this email, please contact Connie Haynes at 806-677-.2600.

If a current Sophomore Randall student in the West Plains attendance zone was to get a transfer to stay at Randall, would they keep their UIL eligibility if they have already played 2 years of varsity sports? If the transfer is approved for their junior year would it also be approved for their senior year or would we have to apply both years for a transfer?

Yes, in this case, the student would keep their UIL eligibility based on the previous athletic participation being at Randall High School. CISD requires all transfer students to reapply for a transfer every year.

Will transportation still be provided if my junior chooses to attend Randall HS as a senior if I live in West Plains HS attendance boundary?

April's Scenario - April, a junior this year, currently lives in the Randall High attendance zone and is on a transfer to Canyon High school. April's residence is not affected by the new boundary line. April will have to either go to Randall High School (her home campus, based on the attendance boundary line) or apply for a TRANSFER to return to Canyon High School her senior year. Due to projected enrollment numbers, a transfer could be highly unlikely. However, if a transfer is granted, Canyon ISD will not provide transportation for April to attend Canyon High School. (See additional scenarios below)

What if my student purchased a ring from CHS or RHS, but has to attend WPHS, will I have to purchase a new class ring?

We understand that this is a unique situation. Our campus administrators are working closely with Jostens on this process. We are asking parents to reach out to your campus administrator to help guide you through this process.

When will TLC Teachers be hired or chosen since they are more specialized? Teaching assignments such as TLC will begin to take shape around March of 2022. For more information on staffing, please review our video. <u>Transition Process Video</u>

How many students will be at each campus?

Canyon ISD estimates that all three high schools will be in the 4A classification.

If an underclassman has been on varsity for multiple years, will this be taken into account when approving transfers?

Unfortunately, we will not take extracurricular activities into consideration for transfer purposes.

If 90% of the current RHS juniors choose to stay at Randall, what size of senior class would that leave graduating next year from West Plains? What does CISD intend to do if this is the case? Since junior students affected by the boundary change have the choice to finish their senior year at their current campus, we knew the first senior class at West Plains would be smaller. We are unable to determine the projected size of the class right now since we do not have all the commitments yet, nor do we know what type of growth or request for transfers there will be.

Do the juniors who currently go to Randall as a transfer who are affected by the new school have to fill out another transfer form for 2022-23 if they filled out the commitment form to stay at Randall senior year?

All junior students who are currently on a transfer to Randall or Canyon High have been sent the transfer request form. This will need to be completed by October 15th in order to get early consideration. This form is different from the commitment form. It was sent out to the parent/guardian email during the week of September 20-24.

Why was my child not invited to the junior meeting to discuss the transition process?

Only junior students who will be affected by the boundary change were invited to the meeting.

How are the administration, faculty and staff selected for new schools?

Canyon ISD has started the process of hiring key personnel positions such as the principal. Once the principal is hired, then other key positions such as assistant principals, counselors, athletic coaches, and fine art directors will be selected. In the spring of 2022, teachers will have the option to apply to the new campuses.

## Scenarios:

Marc's Scenario - Marc, a junior this year, currently lives in the Randall High attendance zone and is on a transfer to Canyon High school. Marc's residence is not affected by the new boundary line. Marc will have to either go to Randall High School (his home campus, based on the attendance boundary line) or apply for a TRANSFER to return to Canyon High school his Senior year. Due to projected enrollment numbers, a transfer could be highly unlikely. The transfer portal at <a href="https://www.canyonisd.net">www.canyonisd.net</a> will open on January 3, 2022.

**Yolanda's Scenario** - Yolanda, a junior this year, attends Canyon High School and currently lives in the Canyon High School attendance zone. Yolonda's current residence has been affected by the boundary change and will now be zoned to attend Randall High School her senior year. Yolanda has the choice of TRANSITIONING to Randall High School or choosing to stay at Canyon High School to complete her senior year.

**Paul's Scenario** - Paul, a junior this year, attends Canyon High School and currently lives in the Canyon High School attendance zone. The boundary change affected Paul's current residence, and he will now be zoned to attend West Plains High School his senior year. Paul has the choice of TRANSITIONING to West Plains High School or choosing to return to Canyon High School to complete his senior year. Paul must submit his commitment form by October 1st at 4:00 pm.

**Tricia's Scenario** - Tricia, a junior this year, attends Randall High School and currently lives in the Randall High School attendance zone. The boundary change affected Tricia's current residence, and she will now be zoned to attend West Plains High School her senior year. Tricia has the choice of TRANSITIONING to West Plains High School or choosing to return to Randall High School to complete her senior year. Tricia must submit her commitment form by October 1st at 4:00 pm.

**Toby's Scenario** - Toby, a junior this year, attends (Canyon/Randall) High School and is on the Varsity (UIL sanctioned) team. The boundary change affected Toby's current residence and he will now be zoned to attend West Plains High School for the 2022/2023 school year. Toby can choose to continue participating in varsity UIL competition at his current campus or TRANSITION to West Plains High School, where he will also be eligible to participate in varsity competitions his senior year.

Chris and Lisa's Scenario - Chris, a junior this year, attends Randall High School and has a sister Lisa, a sophomore also attending Randall High School. The boundary change affected Chris and Lisa's current residence and will now be zoned to attend West Plains High School. Chris has the choice of TRANSITIONING to West Plains High School or to return to Randall High School to complete his senior year. Lisa, however, will attend West Plains High School her junior year or have to apply for a TRANSFER back to Randall High School. Due to projected enrollment numbers, a transfer could be highly unlikely.

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