

Q & A - 2026/27 Elementary Attendance Boundary Changes

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How will attendance boundary changes affect open enrolled families?

All non-resident families who are currently open enrolled into PLSAS will remain Lakers. Like resident students, K–5 students who are open enrolled may also be impacted by school reassignments for the 2026-27 school year. Once the new attendance boundaries are finalized in November 2025, families with open-enrolled students will receive an email with information about the open enrollment process and next steps.

How can I provide input on the attendance boundary process?

Input will be gathered through our Finance and Operations Committee, which includes parent representatives. These meetings are open to the public for observation at the [District Services Center](#). In addition, community members can provide feedback during the open forum portion of [School Board](#) meetings. A [timeline](#) of the process is available on our website.

What factors are being considered as you make attendance boundary changes?

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools has developed a [Guiding Change Parameters](#) document to guide decisions. This document outlines why changes are necessary, criteria that are not acceptable in the process and the desired outcomes for new boundaries.

Will all elementary schools be affected?

Yes. All elementary schools will experience attendance boundary changes beginning with the 2026–27 school year.

Can the district change its attendance boundaries with other school districts?

No. While school districts in Minnesota can adjust boundaries within their own district, changes between districts require county approval under Minnesota Statute 123A.45 (Detachment and Annexation of Land). Families who live outside of our district may still apply to attend our schools through open enrollment, but district-to-district boundary lines remain fixed.

Can families who live outside the district apply to attend PLSAS schools?

Yes. Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools welcomes non-resident students through Minnesota's Open Enrollment program. Families who live outside the district may list up to three school choices for consideration. Each year, the School Board reviews state statute, student enrollment, and building capacity to determine whether to open or limit enrollment for non-resident students. For more information, [click here](#).

Will K–5 attendance boundary changes happen again in the future?

Yes. Attendance boundary adjustments typically occur approximately every 5 years. This helps ensure schools remain balanced in terms of enrollment and resources and aligned with the district's needs. By making adjustments as student enrollment shifts, the district can continue to optimize our resources and provide equitable access to programs for all students.

Will school start and end times change when the new K-5 boundaries take effect in 2026-27?

Right now, we are not planning to change school start and end times. Because start times depend on attendance boundaries and bus routes, we need to wait until new boundaries are finalized before confirming. If any adjustments are needed, we will share that information in November.

Will Nature-Based Preschool remain at Jeffers Pond?

Yes. The Nature-Based Preschool program will remain at Jeffers Pond Elementary for the 2026–27 school year.