

## **Reapportionment of Northern New Castle County School District Board Member Nominating Districts**

Redistricting is the process of drawing new district boundaries for congressional, legislative and state school board districts based on each State's resident population.

Every ten years, the State Election Commissioner redraws the school district boundaries of the Brandywine School District, the Christina School District, the Colonial School District, and the Red Clay Consolidated School District, based on the results of the most recent population data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The boundaries are drawn so that the nominating districts shall encompass an area in which approximately  $\frac{1}{7}$  of the total population of each district is resident. Each representative district shall, insofar as is possible: (i) be formed of contiguous territory; (ii) be nearly equal in population; (iii) be bounded by major roads, streams or other natural boundaries; and (iv) not be created so as to unduly favor any person.

The nominating districts are drawn by the State Election Commissioner, subject to the approval of the State Board of Elections and the State Board of Education.

The process and requirements of reapportioning the nominating districts are established in [Title 14, Chapter 10, § 1066A](#).

More information can be found in the FAQ below.

### **What is reapportionment?**

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Reapportionment of school board member nominating districts is a state-mandated process by which the State Election Commissioner redraws school district boundaries of the Brandywine School District, the Christina School District, the Colonial School District, and the Red Clay Consolidated School District, based on the results of the most recent population data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The criteria for this process is outlined in [Title 14, Chapter 10, § 1066A](#).

### **What is the process for reapportionment?**

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Under current Delaware law, the responsibility of redrawing the school board nominating districts every 10 years rests with the State Election Commissioner, subject to the approval of the State Board of Elections and the State Board of Education.

### **How can the public participate in the redistricting process and provide comment?**

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The State Election Commissioner presented draft maps to the State Board of Education at its November meeting.

Draft maps can be found on the Election Commissioner's website: [State of Delaware - Department of Elections - 2020 Redistricting Information](#)

A recording of the presentation to the State Board of Education is available. <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=12351&ViewID=E324842B-E4A3-44C3-991A-1E716D4A99E3&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=27059&PageID=4382>

Residents can submit public comment regarding the proposed districts to [COE\\_vote@delaware.gov](mailto:COE_vote@delaware.gov). by noon on Thursday, December 9. Written comments received will be posted publicly and will be provided

to the State Election Commissioner, the State Board of Education, and the State Board of Elections. Only written comments will be accepted during this period.

How are the new district maps approved?

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Proposed boundaries will be presented to the New Castle County Board of Elections at its December 13 meeting and the State Board of Education at its December 16 meeting.