

Community Schools

At the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, Kaufman ISD will change the alignment of its Elementary Schools. Monday, Phillips, and Nash campuses will each house students in grades 1-5. Sixth grade students will move to the Norman Jr. High campus. Kaufman High School, Gary Campbell High School, and Helen Edwards Early Childhood Center will not be affected by the changes.

To prepare for this transition, the district has prepared a list of frequently asked questions. These questions will be updated throughout the year. If you have a question that is not addressed below, please send an email to your child's principal so that it can be added. Be sure to check back for updated information!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question	Response
When will this change take place?	August 2018
Why is Kaufman ISD making this change?	To meet the growing and changing needs of our community
What are the advantages of this transition?	Here are a few advantages... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stronger parent relationships and PTO involvement b. Decrease number of student drop-offs for parents c. Less city traffic d. Fewer open houses, student events for parents to attend. e. Increased teacher collaboration from 1st – 5th grade f. Consistent procedures and information g. High academic success due to fewer campus transitions h. Increased number of student leadership opportunities (i.e. three students councils rather than one).

What are the disadvantages?	Attendance zones will determine what elementary campus your child attends. There is a chance that students will not be assigned to the same campus as their friends.
How will attendance zones be created?	The school district hired a demographer to divide the school district into elementary attendance zone in an equitable manner.
What other schools follow this school model?	Each school district determines its own campus organization based on many different factors. However, all schools in our area combine 3 or more grade-levels on each elementary campus. Example: Terrell ISD K-5; Crandall ISD 1-6; Forney ISD K-6.
When and how will students know what campus they will be attending?	Student assignments to campuses will be published in Spring 2018. Look for announcements on Facebook and on the Kaufman ISD website.
Will there be a parent orientation to support the transition?	Yes. Nash, Phillips, and Monday campuses will host parent information sessions during the 2017-18 school year. A district-wide parent meeting will also be held early in 2018.
How will teachers be divided between the campuses?	Teacher assignments will be based on teacher input, principal input, teacher evaluations, campus capacity, and equity among elementary campuses.
Will 5 th grade students mix with 1 st and 2 nd grade students?	Campuses will be organized to separate the youngest classrooms from the oldest classrooms. Younger students are typically escorted to the cafeteria, gym, etc. We are excited about the opportunities our older students will have to serve as positive role models for our younger students.
Will the elementary schools have new names?	Two campuses will be renamed. Monday Primary will become Monday Elementary and Nash Intermediate will become Nash Elementary.
Will each elementary campus have its own mascot or colors?	No. We are all LIONS – BLACK and GOLD!
Will one elementary campus be “better” than the others?	No. All elementary campuses will have equitable budgets, resources, and teachers.
Which elementary school will transfer students attend?	Transfer students will be assigned to an elementary campus by district administration in order to balance attendance numbers.
What if my family moves from one attendance zone to another during the school year?	Students whose families move from one attendance zone to another within KISD will finish the school year at the currently assigned campus and then transfer to a new campus the following school year.
My child attends KISD under the “grandparent rule”. What campus will they attend?	Children attending KISD under the “grandparent rule” whose parent/guardian lives outside the district will be assigned to an elementary campus according to the grandparent’s residence.
My spouse and I are divorced, but both of us live in KISD. Will my child’s attendance zone be based on my address or theirs?	Students will be assigned to attendance zones based on the custodial parent’s address. In the case of joint custody, parents must make a one-time decision regarding which address to use for school purposes. Changes will not be made unless new terms are decided by a Texas Court and communicated to the campus principal.