
2025 Spot Redistricting Recommendations

Recommendations for School Year 2026-2027

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Strategic Plan 2021-26 Priorities

EQUITY

PRIORITY 2:

Excellence and Efficiency

Goal I: By 2026, 100% of OCS departments will establish performance metrics for all facilities to evaluate safety, modern technology, and efficiency.

Goal II: By 2026, 95% of students using district buses will experience safe, on-time arrivals to and from school.

Goal III: By 2026, OCS will initiate 100% of capital spending based on key building performance and utilization rates.



Purpose of Evaluating Spot-Redistricting

- Align planning with long-term enrollment and facility needs
- Ensure district-wide transportation reliability and efficiency
- Ensure overall district efficiency.

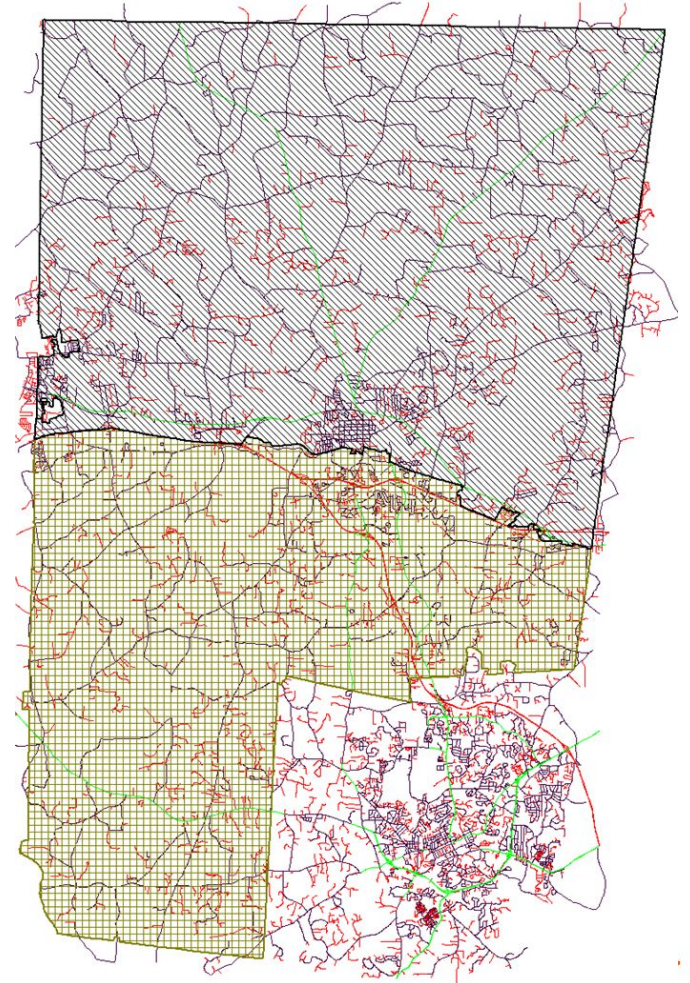


Transportation Challenges

District Goal: 95% on-time arrivals

Current Rate: 88% on-time arrivals

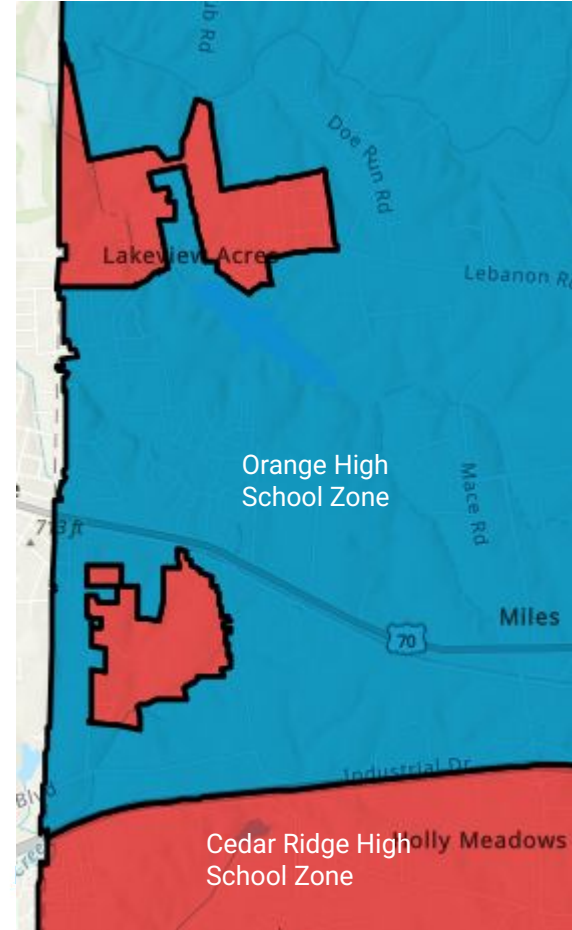
- Large Geographic Service Footprint
 - 462.25 Total Square Miles-86 perimeter
 - 5665.7-Daily Miles
- High Number of Stops
 - 3538 Student Stops
- Limited Bus Driver Pool
 - 4 Vacancies
- Delays Impacting Instructional Time



Neighborhoods with Spot Redistricting

Construction Completed with Students Attending

- Elementary & High School:
 - Havenstone
- High School Only:
 - Tupelo Junction
 - Stagecoach Corner
 - Retreat at Lake Michael
 - 11th Street Apartments
 - Oakwood



Recommendations

High School Spot-Redistricting

Recommendation: Reverse *High School* spot-redistricting in the following neighborhoods and zone those students for Orange High School effective school year 2026-2027.

Havenstone

Tupelo Junction

Stagecoach Corner

Retreat at Lake Michael

11th Street Apartments

Oakwood



Impact Analysis

- 27 Students currently receiving transportation to Cedar Ridge High School will no longer have transportation starting school year 2026-2027. These students may remain enrolled in Cedar Ridge.
- Increase on-time arrivals and prevent the loss of instructional time.
 - Students transported from spot-redistricted areas are arriving at 9:00am.
 - Reduces total square miles covered
 - Reduces the total number of stops
 - Allows drivers to be reassigned to higher-needs routes to increase on-time arrivals for Cedar Ridge High School for 100+ students.



Alternative Recommendation

Implement community stops to increase efficiency and on-time arrivals across the district.

Reverse ***High School*** spot-redistricting and zone former spot-redistricted students for Orange High School effective school year 2026-2027 ***starting with incoming 9th graders and students new to OCS utilizing community stops across the district.***



Community Stops

Criteria for Community Stops

- Sidewalks or paths to the community stop.
- Walking distance for students will be no more than .2 mile.
- Parent/guardian will be required to be at the community stop both a.m. and p.m. for students in 3rd grade and below, unless accompanied by a sibling in 4th grade or above.
- No bus will be allowed to travel on any roads that are not state/county maintained per state statute.



Elementary School Spot-Redistricting

Recommendation: No Spot-Redistricting Recommendations at This Time

Neighborhood Impacted: Havenstone

Administration Reviewed:

- School Capacity Data
- New Development Plans
 - Projected to Come Online
No Earlier Than SY2026-2027
 - Not Expected to Impact Short-Term Enrollment
 - Tupelo Junction North
 - The Preserve at Mill Creek
 - Saddle Club

SY 2025-26 using Best of 1 or 2			
Elementary School	2025-2026 Requested Capacity	Membership 2025-26	Percentage of Capacity/Level of Service
Central	438	237	54.1%
Efland Checks	476	480	100.8%
Grady Brown	496	390	78.6%
Hillsborough	463	435	94.0%
New Hope	553	514	92.9%
Pathways	452	303	67.0%
River Park	551	480	87.1%
Total	3,429	2,839	82.8%



Communication Timeline

Notification of Impacted Families:

- January, 2026 - certified mail
- March - email/phone call reminders







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