

**Arlington Community Schools  
FAQs  
2017-2018 Approved Rezoning Plan**

**1. What attendance zones will be affected by the rezoning plan?**

The rezoning plan approves boundary changes to Arlington Elementary, Donelson Elementary and Arlington Middle.

**2. Which students will be affected by the rezoning?**

All kindergarten through 8th grade students who reside within the city limits of Lakeland and are currently zoned to Donelson Elementary and Arlington Middle will be rezoned to a school in Lakeland.

All kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students currently zoned to Arlington Elementary and residing in the area north of Interstate 40, south of Highway 70, east of State Route 385 and west of Airline Road and Harrell Road will be rezoned to Donelson Elementary. This area includes the following subdivisions: Villages of Summer Meadows, Synder Grove, Summer Meadows, Harrells Ridge, and Hall Creek Apartments.

**3. How many students could be affected by the rezoning proposal?**

Approximately 453 students will be zoned to a Lakeland school. Approximately 247 students will be rezoned from Arlington Elementary to Donelson Elementary.

**4. Why is it necessary to rezone students?**

The opening of a new school in Lakeland requires redrawing the attendance boundaries for Donelson Elementary and Arlington Middle. The reduced enrollment at Donelson Elementary, the over-capacity enrollment at Arlington Elementary, and the projected future growth in the current AES attendance zone requires a rezoning of students from Arlington Elementary to Donelson Elementary to balance enrollment between the two elementary schools.

**5. If the parent of a current Arlington Elementary School student is rezoned can they request a transfer back to Arlington Elementary School?**

Rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade students (current 4<sup>th</sup> grade students) and their siblings are eligible to request a transfer to remain at Arlington Elementary School. Transfers approved will be granted through the exit grade. Please refer to Arlington Community Schools policy 6.206, *Transfers Within The System*. Students granted a transfer are not eligible for transportation provided by the district.

**6. If a student is currently on a transfer that has been approved through the exit grade, will ACS honor the exit grade transfer?**

Yes; all currently approved transfers within the system will be honored through the exit grade. Students granted a transfer are not eligible for transportation provided by the district.

**7. If a student is being reassigned to a school in Lakeland, does the student have the option of remaining enrolled in an ACS school?**

Students reassigned to attend a school in Lakeland are eligible to apply for Non-Resident admission per Arlington Community Schools policy 6.204, Attendance of Non-Resident Students, until December 9, 2016. Students granted non-resident admission are not eligible for transportation provided by the district.

**8. Was there be a public meeting to view the proposed rezoning changes?**

Arlington Community Schools held a public meeting at Arlington High School (auditorium) on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. There was a presentation detailing the proposed boundary changes as well as the number of students affected. Following the presentation, comment cards were available. The Rezoning Advisory Panel reviewed all comment cards prior to making a final rezoning recommendation to the ACS School Board, December 13, 2016.

**9. When will students affected by rezoning be notified?**

Students who are Arlington residents and affected by the rezoning will be notified no later than January 31, 2017, per Arlington Community Schools policy, 6.2031, *Attendance Zone Policy*.

Students affected by the Lakeland reassignments were notified October 2016.

**10. When would the rezoning become effective?**

Rezoning becomes effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

**11. Where can I obtain information regarding the approved rezoning plan?**

Maps showing the approved attendance zones are available for viewing on the Arlington Community Schools' website.