



MERCED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustee Area Redistricting Process

The Merced City School District currently uses a by-trustee area election process to elect its governing board members. The school district has five (5) trustee areas.

Education Code section 5019.5 requires school districts that elect by-trustee area to adjust the trustee area boundaries following each decennial federal census using population figures validated by the Population Research Unit of the Department of Finance. The adjustments shall ensure that the population of each trustee area is proportional pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5(a)(1) or (2).

This is not to be confused with school attendance boundaries, which are not affected by trustee area redistricting. Board of Education members are elected officials and this issue pertains to the election process.

The District is currently in the process of redistricting its trustee areas using newly available 2010 U.S. census figures. Redistricting is a process in which trustee area populations are equalized and their boundaries are adjusted in compliance with applicable state and federal law. The District is required to go through the redistricting process every 10 years following the completion of the U.S. census.

The Board of Education will hold public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings on Tuesday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 25 to review the scenario(s) and to receive public comment.

UPDATE: The Tuesday, October 11 meeting place has been changed to Peterson Elementary School, 848 East Donna Drive – 7 PM. The October 25 meeting will be held at Gracey Elementary School, 945 West Avenue – 7 PM.

All interested members of the community are invited to attend these public meetings. The Board of Education welcomes your interest and comments.

The maps and statistics can be viewed on the District's web site:

<http://www.mcsd.k12.ca.us/sections/schoolboard>