

Proposed Santa Rosa School Board Member Districts 2022-2031

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What this is and what this is not

- It is required by statute
- It is based upon population
- It is to create, as equal as possible, 5 school board member areas
- It is developed using the most current Census data
- It is not a change to school attendance zones (attendance zones are not affected)
- It is not meant to match existing school attendance zones
- It is not based upon the geographical size of the zone

Why Redistrict?

- **State Statutes**

- In accordance with Florida Statute 1001.36, the School Board may make any change that it deems necessary in the boundaries of any district school board member area at any meeting of the district school board, provided that such changes shall be made only in an odd-numbered year.
- After every decennial census and prior to the next ensuing general election, the Santa Rosa County School Board shall prepare a plan for reapportionment of the five districts to ensure division into contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable.
- The School Board shall review and adopt the reapportionment plan as a resolution by majority vote.
- If the district school board is composed of five members, such proposition shall provide that the five members shall reside one in each of five residence areas, the areas together covering the entire district and as nearly equal in population as practicable, pursuant to s. [1001.36](#).

Why Redistrict?

- ***Florida Constitutional Provisions***
- Nearly as possible equal in proportion of population.
- Districts shall be compact; and, districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.
- No apportionment plan or individual district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent.
- Districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and, shall consist of contiguous territory.

Interesting Facts

- County population in 2000 – 117,750 Target population/district – 23,550
- County population in 2010 – 151,370 Target population/district – 30,274
- County population in 2020 – 188,000 Target population/district – 37,600
- Population growth 2000-2020 – 70,250

If the Proposed Districts are Approved Using the 37,600 Target

- District 1 population = 37,287 or 19.8%
- District 2 population = 37,111 or 19.7%
- District 3 population = 38,169 or 20.3%
- District 4 population = 37,085 or 19.7%
- District 5 population = 38,348 or 20.4%
- Range = 0.7%
- Mean = 20.0%

Next Steps

- Maps of proposed changes will be made available for review at the Dillon Center, and on the District Homepage
- Any suggested changes may be submitted in writing (via email) to Joey Harrell, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Harrellj@santarosa.k12.fl.us (on or before December 1st at 4:00 p.m.) and will be entered into the minutes of the December 9 Board Meeting
- If no changes are made to the current proposals, a motion will be made to adopt the new district lines as proposed along with a corresponding resolution
- If minor changes are suggested by the December 1st deadline, they will be evaluated by the Superintendent and Cabinet. If the suggested changes create a more equal distribution of the population, those changes will be incorporated into amended proposal(s) to be discussed and potentially adopted by the board
- In accordance with FS 1001.36 the resolution is to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court within 30 days of being approved and published once in the newspaper published in the district
- A certified copy of the resolution shall be transmitted to the Department of State

Questions ?