



COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT No 206

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Director District Boundary Changes Proposed

Affects school board elections only, not schools

Every ten years, after each U.S. Census is completed, school districts must review the boundaries of their board of director districts to ensure equitable geographic representation. Columbia School District is divided into three geographic regions or districts, one for each board seat. Candidates for school board must run for the seat of the director district they live in or an at-large seat. By creating three equal and two at-large director districts, geographic diversity is ensured on the school board. Each position is elected by all district voters, so each of the three directors and two at-large positions represents the entire district in their board actions.

These boundaries are completely unrelated to school attendance boundaries: this process will not change any neighborhood school boundaries.

In October 2021, NorthEast Washington ESD 101 contracted with Sammamish Data Systems on behalf of Columbia School District to develop a proposal for new director district boundaries based on the latest census data. Since the last realignment of director districts, there has been a substantial shift in population growth. The director district boundaries will change to the following:

Director District 1 Starting at the intersection of State Route 25 and Fruitland Valley Rd. Meandering easterly on Fruitland Valley Rd to approximately the east/west centerline of Section 11, Township 29, Range 37E and unnamed forest service road. East 1.10 miles, more or less on unnamed forest service road to the eastern border of Township 29, Range 37E and the unnamed forest service road paralleling the ridge line. Northeast on forest service road paralleling the ridge line to the school district boundary. Counter-clockwise on the school district boundary to the extension of Alder Creek in the Columbia River. Meandering easterly and southerly through the extension and Alder Creek to State Route 25. Northeast on State Route 25 to the point of the beginning.

Director District 2 Starting at the intersection of State Route 25 and Alder Creek. Northerly and westerly through Alder Creek to the Columbia River and the school district boundary. Counter-clockwise on the school district boundary to the southern crossing of State Route 25. West on State Route 25 to Kieffer Loop Rd. Northerly on Kieffer Loop Rd to BIA HWY 62A Meandering northeasterly on BIA Hwy 62A to Springs Rd. Northeast on Springs Rd to Peters Rd. Southeast and northeast on Peters Rd to Old Hwy 22. Northerly and northeasterly on Old Hwy 22 to W End Rd. Northerly on W End Rd to State Route 25. Northerly on State Route 25 to the point of the beginning.

Director District 3 Starting at the intersection of State Route 25 and Fruitland Valley Rd. Meandering easterly on Fruitland Valley Rd to approximately the east/west centerline of Section 11, Township 29, Range 37E and unnamed forest service road. East 1.10 miles, more or less on unnamed forest service road to the eastern border of Township 29, Range 37E and the unnamed forest service road paralleling the ridge line. Northeast on forest service road paralleling the ridge line to the school district boundary. Clockwise on the school district boundary to the southern crossing of State Route 25. West on State Route 25 to Kieffer Loop Rd. Northerly on Kieffer Loop Rd to BIA HWY 62A Meandering northeasterly on BIA Hwy 62A to Springs Rd. Northeast on Springs Rd to Peters Rd. Southeast and northeast on Peters Rd to Old Hwy 22. Northerly and northeasterly on Old Hwy 22 to W End Rd. Northerly on W End Rd to State Route 25. Northerly on State Route 25 to the point of the beginning.

Director District 4 At Large

Director District 5 At Large

A presentation and public hearing on the proposal will be held at the June 28, 2022 school board regular meeting which begins at 6 p.m. Current and proposed maps are available on the district website www.columbia206.com. The first reading of the proposal is scheduled for the June 28 board meeting. The board must adopt new director districts by July 26, 2022.