

Madera County Board of Education

Redistricting Information/Frequently Asked Questions

What is redistricting?

The Madera County Board of Education consists of seven members who represent specific geographic areas known as trustee areas. Every 10 years, after new population data is released by the U.S. Census, the Board is required to evaluate and adjust the trustee area boundaries, as necessary, to equalize the population of the areas. This assures equal representation for the residents of each trustee area. This process is also required at every level of government—federal, state, county, city, school districts and special districts.

Why is it important?

Redistricting is a fundamental step in maintaining fair representation in our democratic system of government. It determines which geographic areas, neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for the purpose of electing trustees who represent the concerns and interests of residents in their trustee areas.

What criteria are used in drawing boundaries?

Redistricting of the trustee areas complies with federal and state law and to the extent possible, provides for compact and contiguous trustee areas, includes easily identifiable boundaries, and maintains and respects communities of interest.

The trustee area boundaries should be adjusted such that the areas are nearly equal in population. “Nearly equal” means that the difference between the most- and least-populous trustee areas should not exceed 10% of the ideal trustee area population (the ideal trustee area population is one-seventh of the total population). In addition, the federal Voting Rights Act prohibits election systems and practices that dilute the voting power of racial, ethnic and language minorities.

What are communities of interest?

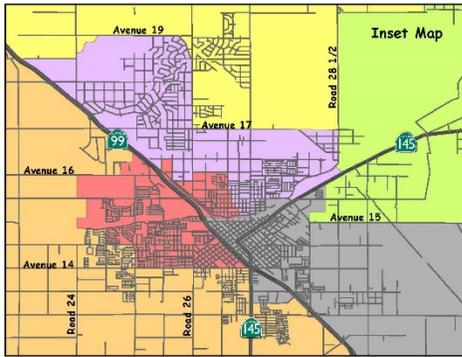
Communities of interest are areas where people share social and economic interests, such as

- Identifiable neighborhoods and communities
- Areas with similar racial and ethnic composition and cultural identities
- Areas with common social and civic networks—schools, churches, homeowners associations, retirement communities

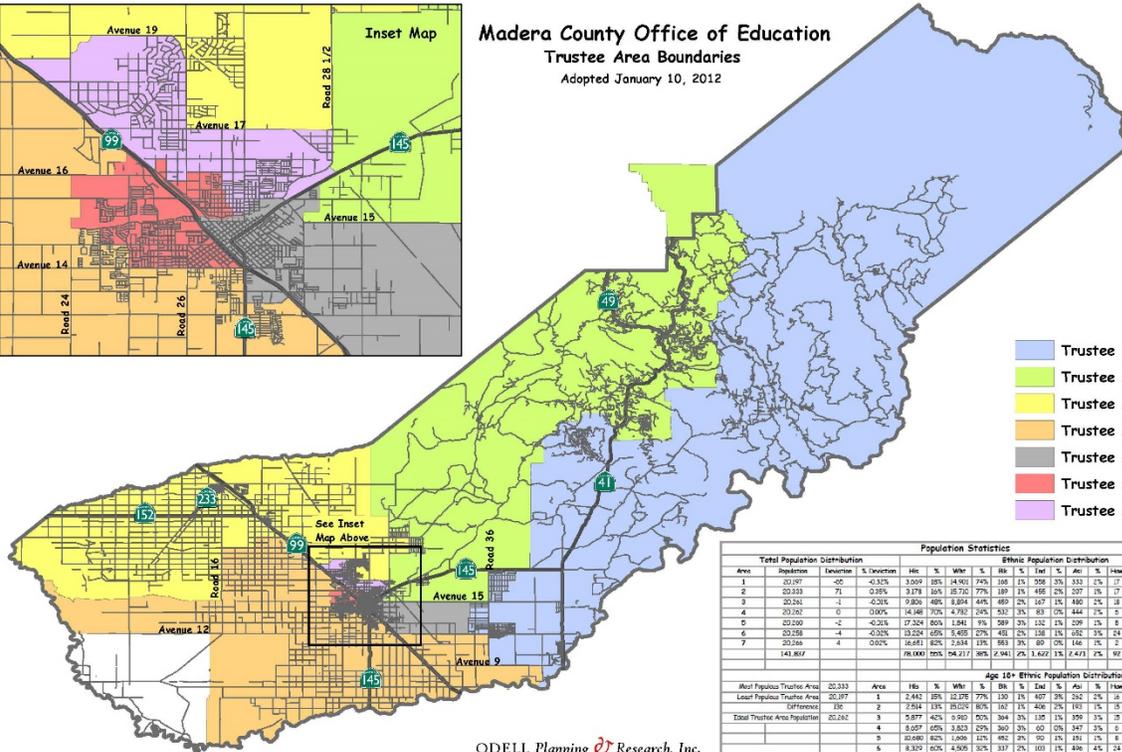
Keeping communities of interest together for representation is an important goal of redistricting.

Where are the current trustee area boundaries?

A map showing the current trustee areas can be viewed on the top of the following page.



Madera County Office of Education
Trustee Area Boundaries
Adopted January 10, 2012



- Trustee Area 1
- Trustee Area 2
- Trustee Area 3
- Trustee Area 4
- Trustee Area 5
- Trustee Area 6
- Trustee Area 7

Population Statistics													
Total Population Distribution							Ethnic Population Distribution						
Area	Population	Change	% Change	His %	Wh %	%	Bl %	Lat %	As %	His %	Wh %	Ch %	Mult %
1	20,197	-50	-0.3%	3,504	14,901	74%	168	1%	208	1%	33	0%	102
2	22,333	71	0.3%	3,974	18,752	77%	189	1%	468	2%	17	0%	163
3	20,321	-1	-0.3%	7,800	12,844	63%	489	2%	127	1%	18	0%	402
4	22,187	10	0.0%	14,146	7,924	36%	303	1%	83	0%	444	2%	23
5	22,200	-2	-0.3%	17,324	5,041	23%	589	3%	132	1%	209	1%	130
6	22,258	-4	-0.3%	13,224	9,029	41%	461	2%	138	1%	162	3%	17
7	22,256	4	0.2%	12,471	9,254	42%	683	3%	140	1%	2	0%	183
	141,857			78,000	54,217	38%	2,941	2%	1,422	1%	2,471	2%	165

Age 18+ Ethnic Population Distribution													
Area	Population	Area	His %	Wh %	%	Bl %	Lat %	As %	His %	Wh %	Ch %	Mult %	
Most Populous Trustee Area	20,333	1	2,442	12,076	77%	130	1%	407	2%	18	0%	339	
Least Populous Trustee Area	20,197	2	2,504	12,029	60%	131	1%	408	2%	19	0%	357	
Equal Trustee Area Population	20,292	3	5,877	9,910	50%	304	3%	135	1%	359	3%	249	
		4	8,057	5,823	29%	360	3%	60	0%	347	3%	17	
		5	12,680	1,909	15%	482	3%	90	1%	191	2%	81	
		6	8,325	4,505	54%	317	3%	103	1%	436	4%	9	
		7	10,361	2,321	23%	386	3%	70	1%	117	1%	2	
			40,660	40,149	40%	2,191	3%	1,271	1%	1,900	2%	161	

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How can I participate in the process?

The redistricting process will include:

- **A Board workshop with opportunities for public input.** The workshop will include a discussion of the redistricting process, the results of 2020 census data for the District and trustee areas, and the implications of the data on how the boundaries might need to be adjusted. The District’s demographic consultant, Odell Planning & Research, Inc., will provide information for the workshop.
- **The development of proposed maps** which will provide for the adjustment of the trustee area boundaries to meet the requirements of the law and the redistricting criteria. These maps will be posted on this website for public review. The public is welcome to provide comments on the proposed maps and/or proposals for alternative map boundaries.
- **Board consideration of the proposed maps** at a public hearing or hearings, and approval of the preferred map. It is anticipated that the Board will adopt the adjusted boundaries in January or early February.

Your participation can include:

- Attending the Board presentation (Tuesday, November 9, 2021—see notice posted on this website) and providing comments.
- Providing comments on the proposed maps and/or providing alternative boundaries for consideration.

- Attending the Board hearing(s) for consideration of proposed maps and expressing your opinions and recommendations.

You can email comments and questions to jpascale@mcsos.org or mail comments to Madera County Superintendent of Schools, Attn: Jennifer Pascale, 1105 South Madera Avenue, Madera, CA 93637.

When must the redistricting process be completed?

The Board must adopt any adjustments to the trustee area boundaries no later than March 1, 2022. The adjusted boundaries will then be provided to the Madera County Elections Division.