

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.

Population Statistics																			
Total Population Distribution				Ethnic Population Distribution															
Area	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	His	%	Wht	%	Blk	%	Ind	%	Asi	%	Haw	%	Oth	%	Mult	%
1	20,197	-65	-0.32%	3,699	18%	14,901	74%	168	1%	558	3%	333	2%	17	0%	31	0%	520	3%
2	20,333	71	0.34%	3,178	16%	15,710	77%	189	1%	455	2%	207	1%	17	0%	24	0%	553	3%
3	20,261	-1	-0.01%	9,806	48%	8,894	44%	459	2%	167	1%	480	2%	18	0%	35	0%	402	2%
4	20,262	0	0.00%	14,148	70%	4,782	24%	538	3%	83	0%	444	2%	6	0%	23	0%	244	1%
5	20,260	-2	-0.01%	17,324	86%	1,841	9%	589	3%	132	1%	209	1%	8	0%	27	0%	130	1%
6	20,258	-4	-0.02%	13,224	65%	5,455	27%	451	2%	138	1%	652	3%	24	0%	17	0%	297	1%
7	20,266	4	0.02%	16,651	82%	2,634	13%	553	3%	89	0%	146	1%	2	0%	8	0%	183	1%
Totals	141,837			78,000	55%	54,217	38%	2,941	2%	1,622	1%	2,471	2%	92	0%	165	0%	2,329	2%

Age 18+ Ethnic Population Distribution																
Area	His	%	Wht	%	Blk	%	Ind	%	Asi	%	Haw	%	Oth	%	Mult	%
1	2,442	15%	12,175	77%	130	1%	407	3%	262	2%	16	16%	25	0%	339	2%
2	2,514	13%	15,029	80%	162	1%	406	2%	192	1%	15	15%	20	0%	501	3%
3	5,877	42%	6,910	50%	364	3%	135	1%	359	3%	15	15%	23	0%	249	2%
4	8,657	65%	3,823	29%	360	3%	60	0%	347	3%	6	6%	17	0%	135	1%
5	10,680	82%	1,606	12%	452	3%	90	1%	151	1%	8	8%	20	0%	78	1%
6	329	60%	4,505	32%	337	2%	103	1%	496	4%	24	24%	9	0%	183	1%
7	10,161	79%	2,101	16%	386	3%	70	1%	112	1%	2	2%	8	0%	82	1%
	48,660	48%	46,149	45%	2,191	2%	1,271	1%	1,920	2%	86	86%	122	0%	1,567	2%

Most populous Trustee Area - 20,333

Least Populous Trustee Area – 20,197

Difference – 136

Ideal Trustee Area Population – 20,262

Where are the current trustee area boundaries?

Area 1 - Portions of the Golden Valley, Chawanakee, Yosemite, and Bass Lake School Districts.

Area 2 – Portions of Raymond-Knowles, Bass Lake, and Yosemite Unified School Districts.

Area 3 – Chowchilla Elementary, Chowchilla Union High School, Alview-Dairyland, and portions of Madera Unified School Districts.

Area 4 – Portions of the Madera Unified School District.

Area 5 – Portions of the Golden Valley and Madera Unified School Districts.

Area 6 – Portions of the Madera Unified School District.

Area 7 – Portions of the Madera Unified School District.

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.