

SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON  
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Criteria for Redrawing County Board of Education Trustee Areas

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the County Committee reviews, and if necessary, redraws the boundaries of the seven trustee areas of the County Board of Education to ensure that each has approximately the same number of residents. The following criteria are taken from case law and Education Code Section 1002 for adoption by the County Committee:

WHEREAS, population figures from the most recent federal census show changes in the populations of the existing trustee areas such that boundary adjustments are necessary to maintain nearly equal populations among trustee areas, as required by law; and comply with the Voting Rights Act, and meet other established criteria; and

WHEREAS, a set of established redistricting criteria will serve as a framework to guide the County Committee in the consideration of redistricting plans; and

WHEREAS, redistricting criteria will assist the County Committee in its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws; and

WHEREAS, although it is establishing the following guidelines, the County Committee may consider other information, factors and guidelines in making its final determination,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization in its adoption of a redistricting plan for trustee area boundaries for the Santa Clara County Board of Education, will adhere to the following criteria:

- Each trustee area shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable;
- Each trustee area shall consist of contiguous territory and be compact to the extent practicable given the total criteria;
- Trustee areas shall comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, and shall provide minorities with opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice;
- Trustee area borders shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable given the total criteria;
- Trustee area borders shall respect school district boundaries to the extent practicable given the total criteria;
- Trustee area borders shall respect man-made and natural topographical and geographical features to the extent practicable given the total criteria;
- Trustee area borders shall not be drawn with consideration of the residence of any incumbent or candidate.

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