



## Elementary Redistricting Background Information

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### Past Guidelines

- The BOE has most recently passed Redistricting Plans in 1990 and 2002
- Common Guidelines or Standards:
  - Minimize disruption of students/families
  - Maintain neighborhood school concept
  - Improve socioeconomic balance



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## Current Enrollment Information

### Elementary Six Day Enrollment for 2010

School	2010	Last Year Difference
King	286	-17
Leal	431	29
Prairie	335	20
Thomas Paine	283	20
Wiley	318	34
Yankee Ridge	326	9
K-5 Subtotals:	1979	95



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## Demographic Information

### Basic Demographic Information for Elementary Schools based on 2009-2010 IIRC

School	% White	% Black	% Hispanic	% Asian	% American Indian	% Multiracial	% Free/Reduced Lunch	% LEP	% Mobility
King	13.9	51.2	1.4	27.4	0.4	5.7	77.9	41.3	30.6
Leal	51.3	8.2	29.1	2	0.8	8.7	57.1	29.3	13.2
Prairie	22.3	62.1	1.9	1.1	0.3	12.4	82.4	1.6	29.2
Thomas Paine	47.6	30.6	3.5	5.9		12.5	64.2	3.8	17.3
Wiley	56.7	26.9	0.4	2.5		13.5	59.6	5.8	20.8
Yankee Ridge	63.9	20.6	2.4	5.1		8.1	49	5.4	18.1



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## Current Classroom Counts

### 2010-2011 Classroom Counts on September 3:

School	King			Leal			Prairie				Thomas Paine		Wiley		Yankee Ridge	
Kindergarten	17	17	17	19	22	20	26	25	23	23	22	22	20	20	22	22
K/1st													21		22	
1st Grade	20	21	17	22	21		21	22	22		22	21	24	22	22	22
1st/2nd																
2nd Grade	22	22		26	27		20	21	20		23	24	27	28	26	24
2nd/3rd								22								
3rd Grade	17	18		28	28	26		18	21		23	23	26	28	26	27
3rd/4th																
4th Grade	24	24		21	21	20					19	17	27	25	30	29
4th/5th	24							28	28	27						
5th Grade	25			32	30						24	23	26	24	20	17



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## Programmatic Counts

The following educational programs are housed in elementary buildings. The enrollment numbers are for the current (2010-2011) school year.

Program	School	# Students
Spanish Bilingual	Leal	138
ESL Multicultural	King	122
ASSIST (SpEd)	Prairie	5
TEACH (SpEd)	Thomas Paine	3
Cross Categorical (SpEd)	Thomas Paine	24
EBD (SpEd)	Yankee Ridge	15



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## Petitioning

- Currently, BOE policy provides petitioning as an option for parents to request a school outside of their attendance boundary
- Petitioning can undermine any redistricting plan, because it can create population shifts
- Average of 124 petition requests/year over the past three years
- Average of 105 petitions granted/year
- Several long-term petitioners were denied petitions this year due to class-sizes



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## NCLB Choice

- When a Title I school does not make AYP for two consecutive years, the district must offer “Choice”
- This year, Leal did not make AYP for the second consecutive year – “Choice” was offered to all Leal families at Centralized Registration
  - 8 students chose to attend either King (5) or Wiley (3) as part of “Choice”
- Several more elementary schools may be required to offer “Choice” over the next two years



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## Balanced Calendar Options

- Two schools have had initial interest in Balanced Calendar Options
  - King and Thomas Paine
- There have been no district wide surveys or feasibility studies conducted
- Would require schools to have AC
- A cost feasibility study is needed



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## Grade Level Centers

- The BOE has also mentioned the possibility of Grade-Level attendance centers
  - Possibility of having 3 – K through 2 buildings each paired with a 3 through 5 building
  - Provides flexibility with building use and programs
  - A cost feasibility study is needed



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## Administrative Recommendation

- Administrative Team recommends that the BOE hire a consultant to conduct an Elementary Redistricting Study
  - Provide higher level of demographic sophistication than is available to the district
  - Views the task more objectively
  - Engage both the community and the BOE in an objective process
  - Provide multiple options for the BOE to consider
  - May provide a process through which demographics and attendance boundaries are reviewed on a regular basis



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