

2021 High School Boundary Transitions

Parent Information

We are excited to be adding a third comprehensive high school to our district! Ridgeline High School will be located **between Country Vista Drive and Sprague Avenue at Henry Road**. The new high school can house 1600 students, greatly easing overcrowding at our two current high schools, Central Valley High School and University High School.

Where will my student go?

BOUNDARIES

Because our student population will continue to grow and change between now and when Ridgeline opens, we will be using the following timeline for determining the new high school boundaries:

- ♦ **September 2019: High School Boundary Review Committee work begins.** A committee of community members and staff will begin working on reviewing student population data and analyzing boundary options. The committee will take direct input from the community through public forums in the fall and winter of 2019.
- ♦ **February 2020: Committee finalizes boundary proposal and submits to School Board for approval**
- ♦ **School Board will set boundaries in 2020**
- ♦ **Ridgeline High School opens in fall of 2021**

STUDENT TRANSITION PLAN

By keeping on time with the opening of Ridgeline in 2021, the district will be able to move forward with the student transition plan adopted by the board in 2017. This plan gives certainty to our families, allows seniors to remain at their original high schools, and provides details for juniors and siblings who wish to opt back. Please see the ***Transition Plan for High School Students*** on the reverse side for details.

How will future high school programs be impacted?

In preparation for a three-high-school district, a High School Program Advisory Committee of teachers, administrators, parents and community members was formed in 2016 to consider skills that all CVSD graduates should have. This committee met throughout the 2016-2017 school year and produced a list of potential educational philosophies and programs in which all future CVSD high school students should have an opportunity to participate. The community participated in a Thoughtexchange engagement in April 2017 to review these. The results of this engagement showed that the community values the following areas:

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Educational philosophies and programs in which all future CVSD high school students should have an opportunity to participate...

Educational Philosophies:

1. Problem solving
2. Individual skill development & personal growth
3. Civic responsibility

Programs:

1. Finance, business & entrepreneurial programs
2. Construction, engineering, design, robotics & manufacturing programs
3. Dual (high school & college) credit opportunities

These values were shared with the Educational Specifications Committee to create new *High School Educational Specifications* that is being used as a blueprint for the design and construction of the Ridgeline High School. They were further evaluated during a survey of over 400 households and community leaders in a survey in January of 2018. The High School Program Advisory Committee has started to meet again and will continue to refine these values so that all high school students at each of our three comprehensive high schools can participate in high-quality educational opportunities in their respective high school careers.

➤ 2021 Transition Plan for High School Students



CENTRAL VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transition Plan for High School Students

Seniors (Class of 2022)

- ♦ All seniors remain at their original high school



Juniors (Class of 2023)

- ♦ May OPT BACK to their original high school

Sophomores (Class of 2024)

- ♦ May OPT BACK to original high school if they competed in varsity sports as a freshman the previous year
- ♦ May OPT BACK to original high school if they have an older sibling who attends there

Freshmen (Class of 2025)

- ♦ May OPT to a non-boundaried high school if they have an older sibling who attends there



ALL Students

- ♦ May apply to transfer (CHOICE) to a non-boundary, different high school. Preference is given if the choice school is better able to meet academic needs. Decisions will be made depending upon space available.
- ♦ Transportation is not provided for students who OPT or are approved to CHOICE to a different school. (Exception: seniors and students who OPT BACK in 2021-2022 only)
- ♦ Students who OPT or are approved to CHOICE may stay at that school through graduation.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Are OPT BACK and CHOICE two different concepts?

Yes.

1. In 2021, incoming juniors may choose to OPT BACK to the high school that they attended the previous year (“original” school) if that school is not their new attendance area boundary school. This same OPT BACK provision is available to students who have older siblings attending original high schools.
2. School CHOICE is an application by any student to attend a district school that is not their attendance area boundary school. CHOICE requests must be approved annually by principals at the CHOICE school, and are only accepted if the academic program(s) students wish to participate in at the CHOICE school are not full and are not available at their attendance area boundary school.
3. In accordance with district policy, transportation will not be provided for students who OPT BACK to their original high school or students who CHOICE outside of their attendance area boundary—with the exception of seniors and students who OPT BACK in 2021-2022 only.

If my son is a senior at University High School (UHS) in fall 2021, and the attendance area boundary changes make Central Valley High School (CVHS) our new boundary school, can my son still attend UHS? Can my daughter, who will be a freshman in 2021, attend UHS also?

Yes on both counts. All seniors will remain at their original schools in the fall 2021. Also, students who have an older sibling who is attending their original high school may OPT to attend that high school with their older sibling.

If my daughter plays varsity basketball as a freshman in the 2020-2021 season, and the boundaries change her attendance area high school, does she have to automatically move to the new school in fall 2021?

No. Incoming sophomores who competed on one or more high school varsity athletic teams as freshmen will have the option to OPT BACK to their original high school upon request. Transportation will be provided in 2021-2022 only.

If my son is a junior at CVHS in fall 2021, and the attendance area changes making the new high school our new boundary school, can my son still attend CVHS? And, if my daughter is an 8th-grader at Greenacres Middle School, will she also be able to attend CVHS?

Yes on both counts. Juniors may OPT to remain at their original school in fall 2021. Also, students who have an older sibling who is attending their original high school may OPT to attend that high school with their older sibling.

Is transportation provided for seniors or students who OPT BACK?

Yes. Transportation will be provided for seniors to attend CV and U-Hi. Transportation would be provided to students who OPT BACK for the 2021-2022 school year only. Transportation will not be provided for other students who are approved to CHOICE to a non-boundary school.