

WPSD Redistricting 2023 Background and Overview of Proposal

Redistricting Requirements

- CRS 22-31-109 requires that Director districts be:
 - Contiguous
 - Compact
 - As nearly equal in population as possible
- Contiguous
 - This simply means that the districts must be continuously connected without separation or “islands”
- Compact
 - In Colorado, compact means both by population and by shape
 - No unreasonably long and unnatural protrusions or extensions
- Population
 - According to US Supreme Court case law, the deviation from the most populated to least populated district should be less than 10%
 - Case law, not statutory requirement
 - According to 2020 census data, Teller county has a population of 24,692
 - Woodland Park School District RE-2 has a population of 20,051
 - Therefore, to have a completely even population, each geographic district should have a population of 6,684 (3 geographic districts)

Population by Teller County Precinct

RE-2 Precincts	Precinct	Population	Precinct out of District (RE-1)	Precinct	Population
RE-2	1	1875	RE-1	7	1414
RE-2	2	1833	RE-1	5	1064
RE-2	3	2380	RE-1	6	599
RE-2	4	2053	RE-1	13	1522
RE-2	6	33	RE-1	11	42
RE-2	7	1121	Total		4641
RE-2	8	2483			
RE-2	9	1706			
RE-2	10	1897			
RE-2	11	2837			
RE-2	12	1809			
RE-2	14	24			
Total		20051			

Redistricting Goals

- Meet Statutory Requirements
 - Contiguous
 - Compact
 - Nearly equal population
- Maintain current board members within their respective districts
- Utilize precinct boundaries for accurate population counts

Current Director District Map

- No indication of equalized population
- No full-map outline to edges of school district

Proposal

- This proposal is similar to existing boundaries, with some small changes to equalize population
 - Some precincts fall partially inside both RE-1 and RE-2, in which case only the population from RE-2 was counted
- Population data
 - District C
 - Precinct 8, 9, 12, and 1/3 of precinct 4
 - Approximate population of 6682 for a variance of 99.97% off average
 - District D
 - Precinct 2, 3, 6, 10, 14, and 1/4 of precinct 1
 - Approximate population of 6636 for a variance of 99.28%
 - District E
 - Precinct 7, 11, and 3/4 of precinct 1, and 2/3 of precinct 4
 - Approximate population of 6733 for a variance of 100.73%
 - Overall Variance
 - 1.45%
 - Well within case law guidelines
- Maintains complete precincts except for precinct 1 and 4, which are split to equalize population and to increase compactness
 - Approximately 1/3 of precinct 4 is added to District C
 - Based on geographic size and approximate number of homes
 - Approximation based on factors such as Spring Valley Community parcel information, google maps rooftop locations, etc.
 - Approximately 1/4 of precinct 1 is added to District D
 - Based on geographic size and approximate number of homes
- All directors remain in their current districts
- Districts no longer split along school boundaries (both Columbine and Gateway fall within District D)