

Rock Ridge Attendance Boundaries for 2022-2023

Q: When will the new elementary attendance boundaries begin for Rock Ridge?

A: They will begin at the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Q: What will be the new attendance boundary for the new Laurentian elementary school that will open in 2022-2023?

A: The new attendance boundary for the new Laurentian Elementary School will be all students within the Rock Ridge district living in Gilbert, Eveleth, West Eveleth, Leonidas and areas to the south (Fayal Township), and students open enrolling from St. Louis County Schools to the southwest and south (Cherry, Clinton, Forbes, McDavitt, Lavell, Makinen, Central Lakes) and southern portion of Mesabi East (Palo, Markham). [See attached map.]

Q: What will be the new attendance boundary for the current Roosevelt Elementary School (and soon-to-be North Star Elementary) and Parkview Elementary School?

A: The new attendance boundary for the current Roosevelt Elementary School (and soon-to-be North Star Elementary) and Parkview Elementary School will be all students within the Rock Ridge district living in the city of Virginia and areas to the north, and students open enrolling from Chisholm, Hibbing, Mt. Iron-Buhl, St. Louis County schools north of Virginia, and northern portion of Mesabi East (Biwabik, Aurora, Hoyt Lakes). [See attached map.]

Q: Do I have to fill out any forms to let the school know which building I want my child to attend?

A: Yes. Parents should log onto the Parent portal, click on the "Forms" link in the left-hand navigation area. Then complete the form, "Transportation New Boundary Lines Questions". This should be completed on a computer or using the browser on your mobile device, not the PowerSchool app.

Q: How were the new elementary attendance boundaries determined?

A: The school district analyzed the locations of student residences, including demographics and proximity to school buildings. The district also conducted a community survey and looked at a variety of attendance boundary scenarios. All of these results were evaluated and studied by the school board in multiple school board meetings. In the end, the school board chose the new attendance boundaries based on what made the most sense for the most number of students and parents while minimizing busing and transportation costs.

Q: What about the high schools?

A: For the vast majority of students, nothing will change during the 2022-2023 school year for students attending Eveleth-Gilbert High School or Virginia High School. All busing and attendance boundaries will remain the same. However, all

students in 7th and 8th grade who would have attended the junior high school in Gilbert will attend the high school in Eveleth. The 5th and 6th graders who would have attended school in the Nelle Shean building in Gilbert will attend the new Laurentian Elementary School.

Q: What happens to high school students in the fall of 2023 when the new high school opens?

A: When the new Rock Ridge High School opens in the fall of 2023, all 7-12 high school students will attend the new school. Although they have served our communities well for a long time, Eveleth-Gilbert High School and Virginia High School will no longer operate.

Q: When will Laurentian Elementary School open for students?

A: Laurentian Elementary School will be open for students in the fall of 2022. The official address is: 1409 Progres Parkway, Eveleth MN 55734.

Q: When will North Star Elementary School (currently Roosevelt Elementary School) be open for students?

A: The new North Star Elementary School will be open for students in the fall of 2024.

Q: Where will the current Roosevelt student go until the new North Star Elementary School is completed?

A: They will be bused to Franklin Elementary School in Eveleth for the two years needed to build a new elementary school. The students and teachers will visit Franklin Elementary School this year so they become familiar with their new location for the next two years. The official address for Franklin Elementary School is: 402 Elba Avenue, Eveleth MN 55734.

Q: Where will the Franklin students go?

A: All current Franklin Elementary School students will attend the new Laurentian Elementary School in the fall of 2022. Consequently, the Franklin building will be vacant and ready for the Roosevelt students and teachers.

Q: Where will the new North Star Elementary School be built?

A: It will be built in the same location as the current Roosevelt Elementary School. The current Roosevelt Elementary School will be torn down to make way for the new North Star Elementary School. This is why the students need to attend school somewhere else—so the school district can tear down the old Roosevelt building and construct the new North Star Elementary building.

Q: I want my child to attend the other elementary school, not the one he/she is assigned to by the district. Can my child attend the elementary school he/she is not assigned to?

A: Yes. If there is room. First priority will go to students living within the attendance boundaries.

If there is room, parents will need to either bring their child directly to the school or get their child to a bus stop which goes to the non-assigned elementary school. If parents want their child to attend the elementary school not assigned to her/him, the school district will not send a bus to pick up your child. The parents will need to be completely responsible for getting their child to the non-assigned elementary school or making sure they get their child to a bus stop, which goes to the non-assigned elementary school, for pick-up and drop-off. If parents cannot commit (every day) to either getting their child directly to the non-assigned elementary school or cannot commit to getting their child to and from a bus stop which goes to the non-assigned elementary school, they should send their child to the district assigned elementary school. (Make sure to fill out the "Transportation New Boundary Lines Questions" form in PowerSchool.)

Q: I am a parent and don't know how to get into PowerSchool to complete the "Transportation New Boundary Lines Questions" form. What should I do?

A: It's easy. Simply contact the secretary of the building your child goes to school and she will look up your user name and password.

Q: Why do I have to complete the "Transportation New Boundary Lines Questions" form found in Powerschool?

A: So Rock Ridgel can start determining bus routes for 2022-2023 which work for most parents and kids. Without this information the school district will have to guess at what parents want. And the district does not want to guess. The district wants to know.

Q: I have additional questions. Who is the best person to call or talk with?

A: The best person to contact is your child's building principal.

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