

## Lamar CISD Rezoning Frequently Asked Questions

- Why did Lamar CISD rezone students for the 2025-2026 school year?
  - The district is opening new campuses for the 2025-2026 school year and needs to have students zoned to these schools. Additionally, the district is rezoning to optimize resources, balance student populations across schools, and enhance educational opportunities for all students. This decision is based on current enrollment trends and future projections.
  
- How do I know if my family has been rezoned for the 2025-2026 school year?
  - Go to the Lamar CISD website – [www.lcisd.org](http://www.lcisd.org)
  - At the top of the page, click on “Find My School”
  - Using the dropdown arrow next to “School Year 2024-25”, select “School Year 2025-26”
  - Begin entering your home address in the search bar
    - Once you see your address, click on that address
  - On the lefthand side of the site, you will see the elementary, middle school, junior high school, and high school that your home is zoned for in Lamar CISD
  
- When will the new zones take effect?
  - The new school assignments will take effect at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.
  
- Are there any ways my high school student(s) may remain at their current school/track, even if we were rezoned for the 2025-2026 school year?
  - For students who will be in high school next year, there are only two options for students to remain at their current campus:
    - If your child will be a senior during the 2025-2026 school year, they can remain at their current high school. A form is available in Skyward Family Access for current Juniors who are rezoned for the next school year to select a campus. The form is due Friday, October 11, 2024.
    - For students involved in sports or other University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities, there may be an opportunity to continue at their current school if they meet certain criteria. The UIL Legacy Provision application will be available soon. The application will be shared with all students and is due February 28, 2025, for fall/winter UIL activities and April 18, 2025, for spring UIL activities.
  - What about students zoned to a new middle school or junior high?
    - The students are expected to attend their zoned campus.
  - What about students zoned to a new elementary school for the 2025-2026 school year?
    - Current 4th-grade students will have an opportunity to apply for the Legacy Provision to remain at their current school. More information about this process will be shared in the spring semester.

- How do I know if my student qualifies for a UIL Legacy Provision?
  - **Team Sports** – In team sports, earning an exemption often requires meeting specific criteria established by playing in at least 75% of the varsity games throughout the season. Alternatively, a student-athlete can earn a varsity letter by participating in a playoff game, regardless of the number of games played during the regular season. However, in both cases, approval of the Executive Director of Athletics is required.
  - **Individual Sports** – A student-athlete participating in an individual sport at the district tournament may qualify for an individual sport exemption if they have achieved a significant level of performance within the school's athletic program. Approval from the Executive Director of Athletics is required for this exemption.
  - **Band, Choir, or Orchestra** – Earned a varsity letter by earning at least 6 points per the band lettering guidelines in the Secondary Student Handbook and have the approval of the PVA Director.
  - **Theater** – Earned a varsity letter by earning at least 40 Thespian points per the Secondary Student Handbook and have the approval of the PVA Director.
  - **UIL Academics** – Placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an individual event or 1st place in a team event at the District UIL Academic Meet, advanced to regional competition or beyond, and have the approval of the Director of Advanced Academics.
  
- Which activities are considered UIL activities?
  - The following activities are governed by UIL and thus considered UIL activities:
    - Earned Varsity Level
      - Football
      - Volleyball
      - Basketball
      - Softball
      - Baseball
      - Soccer
      - Water Polo
      - Cheerleading
      - Cross Country
      - Tennis
      - Golf
      - Wrestling
      - Track and Field
      - Band
      - Choir
      - Orchestra
      - Theater
    - UIL Academic Competitions
      - Placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an individual event or 1st place in a team event at the District UIL Academic Meet, advanced to regional competition or beyond.

- When will the UIL Legacy Provision be available?
  - UIL Legacy Provisions applications will be available by mid-October.
- When and how will I find out if my student was approved for an UIL Legacy Provision?
  - Parents who submitted an UIL Legacy Provision Application, will be emailed of the approval/denial no later than 10 business days after the due date.
    - February 28, 2025 – due date for fall and winter UIL activities.
    - April 18, 2025 – due date for spring UIL activities
- If my student is a current junior (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and chooses not to attend the rezoned campus in 2025-2026, do they still need to complete the UIL Legacy Provision to remain on their current campus?
  - No, because the student completed the senior questionnaire in Skyward, stating that they want to stay at their current campus for next year, they do not need to complete the UIL Legacy Provision.
  - If the senior questionnaire in Skyward is not applicable, UIL eligible students should complete the UIL Legacy Provision Application, requesting to remain at their current campus.
- Are there options for students to remain at their current school if they are participating in non-UIL activities/sports/clubs (not included in the list above)?
  - No, there are only the two options for remaining at the current campus (see above).
- What if there are not enough students to have a senior class at Tomas High School?
  - There needs to be enough senior students at Tomas HS to justify having a senior class at the campus during the 2025-2026 school year. This is due to the cost of the staff needed to teach senior level classes.
  - If there are not enough students to have a senior class at Tomas High School, all senior level students would attend their current school for the 2025-2026 school year.
  - If this were to happen, bus transportation would be provided/available for these students.
- If my student qualifies to remain at their current school for the 2025-2026 school year, will siblings be able to remain at their current school?
  - No, siblings will not be able to remain at their current school, unless they meet one of the criteria stated above.
- Will transportation be provided to my child's new school?
  - Yes, the district will offer transportation for students who are rezoned, following the established bus transportation procedures. Specific details will be communicated closer to the start of the school year.
    - Be aware, if students remain at their current school for the 2025-2026 school year, by meeting one of the criteria above, the district **will not** provide transportation.
- Do I need to enroll my child at their new school?
  - If your student is a current LCISD student, you do not need to re-enroll them. The current campus will take care of sending your child's information to their new school. Skyward will reflect your child's new school in July 2025.
  - If you have new students enrolling for the first time in 2025-2026 school year, you may enroll them in the summer of 2025.

- My child is receiving special services at their current school, can they be allowed to stay because of those services?
  - Most services will continue to be provided at your child's new school.
  - For specific questions, please contact your current campus administration.
  
- Do the other campuses offer the same courses that my current campus offers, such as Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and CTE classes?
  - Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and CTE courses are offered at all high school campuses in Lamar CISD, but courses vary by campus. Students and parents can contact a school's counseling office to inquire about the specific courses offered.
  
- What if I have concerns about the new school my child is assigned to?
  - We encourage parents to reach out to school administrators or communicate any specific concerns to the LCISD Enrollment Management Department at [Info@LCISD.org](mailto:Info@LCISD.org) or 832-223-0424.
  
- What if I do not agree with the decision of where my student is zoned for the 2025-2026 school year? Who should I contact?
  - Please contact the LCISD Enrollment Management Department at [Info@LCISD.org](mailto:Info@LCISD.org) or 832-223-0424.
  
- What should I do if the information for the 25-26 school my student is zoned to is incorrect in Skyward?
  - Please reach out to your current campus administration informing them of this.
  
- Are there any future plans to rezone in Lamar CISD?
  - Lamar CISD is continuously monitoring the enrollment at all the schools, district-wide, as well as reviewing demographic data and predictions. If there is a need to rezone, the LCISD Board of Trustees will follow the Board Policy for rezoning, which includes utilizing Attendance Boundary Committees, which include parent representatives. To learn more about rezoning in Lamar CISD, we encourage you to visit <https://www.lcisd.org/about/zoning>.
  
- Are there opportunities for parental involvement in the new school?
  - Absolutely! Each school values parental involvement and offers various opportunities for parents to engage, including PTA/PTO meetings, volunteer opportunities, booster clubs, and school events.
  
- Who can I contact for more information, further questions, or concerns?
  - For more information, please contact the LCISD Enrollment Management Department at 832-223-0424 or [Info@LCISD.org](mailto:Info@LCISD.org). You can also reach out to your current school's administration for specific inquiries.