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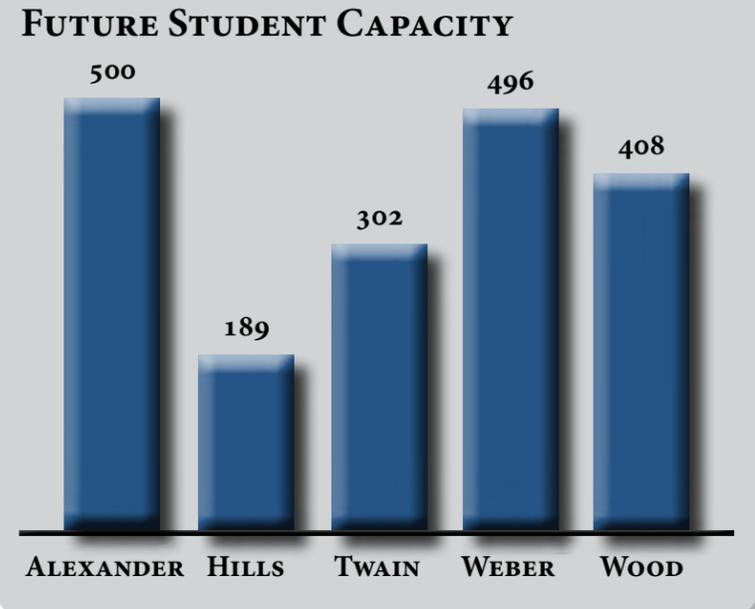


**D**uring the 2013–2014 school year, the School Board approved a comprehensive 10 year Facilities Master Plan (FMP). This plan includes the construction of four (4) new schools and renovations and improvements to the District’s existing schools. The ten year FMP is designed to bring equitable learning environments to all District buildings, address the rapid student growth taking place in the school district community, and improve the structure and amenities of the District’s existing buildings. Coupled with the implementation of the FMP, the District began the process of looking at attendance zones. This Attendance Area Development (AAD) process began in the Spring of 2014 and will be ongoing over the next several years. The first chapter of the AAD process addressed the growth in the southern area of the District and the construction of the new Alexander Elementary School.

With the opening of Alexander in fall of 2015, the School Board has established new attendance zones for students that attended Hills, Twain, Weber, and Wood Elementary Schools during the 2014–2015 school term. The new attendance zones will take effect at the beginning of the 2015–2016 school year and a map of the new elementary attendance areas for 2015–2016 can be accessed by visiting the Quick Links section of [www.iowacityschools.org](http://www.iowacityschools.org) and clicking on Attendance Area Development. The boundary changes advance the District’s equity initiative and allow the District to meet the needs of its growing student population.



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In terms of secondary school attendance, students who live within the Hills, Twain, Wood and Alexander school boundaries will attend South East Junior High and City High. Students who live within the Weber boundary will attend Northwest Junior High and West High.

Students who do not currently attend their new home school (or desire to attend, or continue to attend, a school different from their home school) must follow the District's new Transfer Policy guidelines, which are available through the Quick Links on [www.iowacityschools.org](http://www.iowacityschools.org).

## ATTENDANCE AREA LOOK-UP

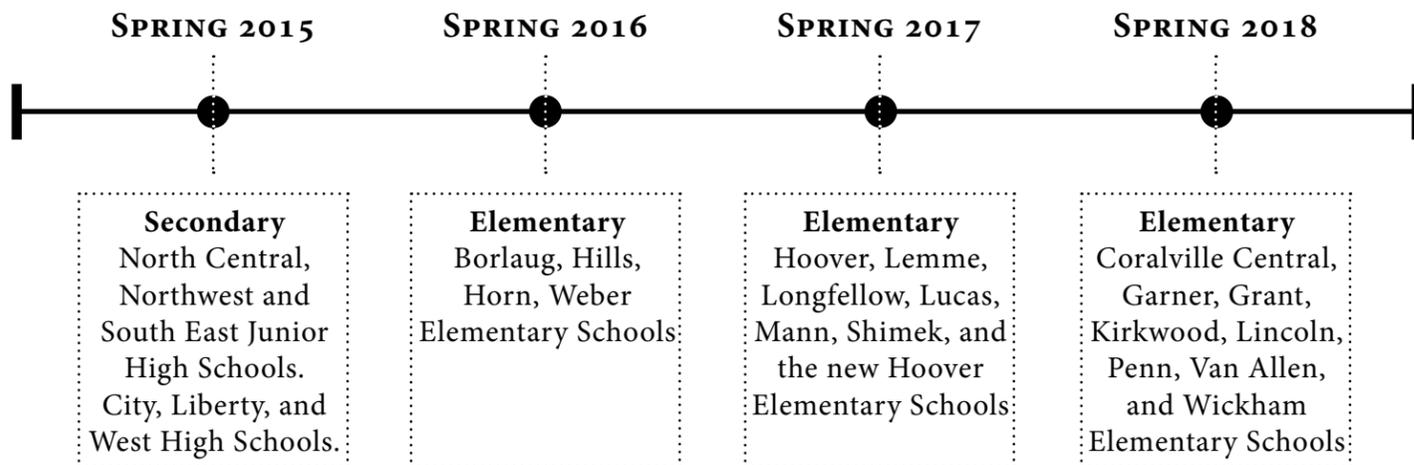


Do you want to see where your child attends school? The District's new Attendance Area Look-Up tool allows individuals to quickly and easily find out the school that is attended based on home address. Attendance areas can be accessed by visiting the Quick Links section of [www.iowacityschools.org](http://www.iowacityschools.org) and clicking on [Home School Lookup for 2015-16](#).

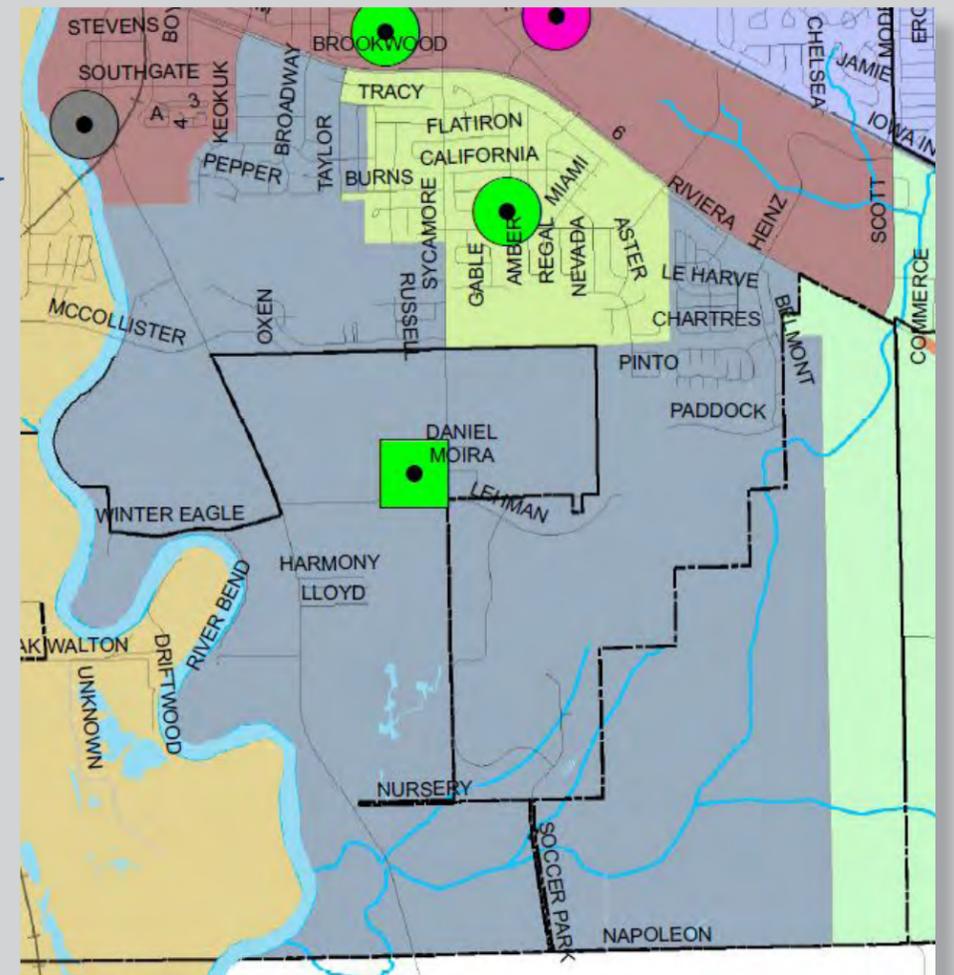
See a map of the new attendance areas for 2015-16 by going to the Quick Links section of [www.iowacityschools.org](http://www.iowacityschools.org) and clicking on [Attendance Area Development](#).

## FUTURE ATTENDANCE AREA DEVELOPMENT WORK

As the District continues to grow, the Board and Administration will continue to examine the District's attendance zones. The following information provides a timeline for this work:



### ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY (SHADED IN GRAY)



# DISTRICT VOLUNTARY TRANSFER & OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY

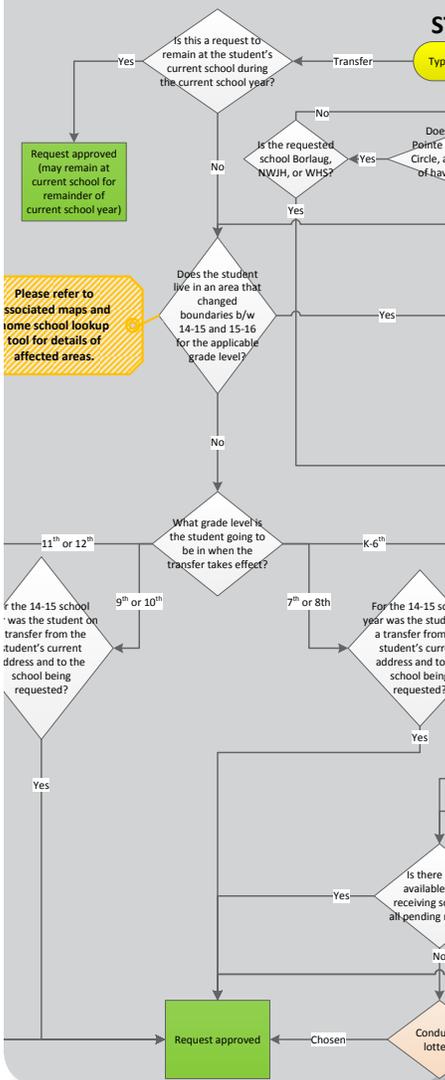


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The mission of the Iowa City Community School District is to ensure all students will become responsible, independent learners capable of making informed decisions in a democratic society as well as in the dynamic global community; this is accomplished by challenging each student with a rigorous and creative curriculum taught by a diverse, professional, caring staff and enriched through the resources and the efforts of families and the entire community.

## In-District Transfer & Open Enrollment Process

(Click for full chart or visit <http://bit.ly/1x73oGp>)



All voluntary District transfers (K–12) granted for the 2015-16 school year or after are subject to the District’s annual transfer review process. Students that wish to begin attending (or remain attending) a school on a transfer must make application prior to the beginning of every school year (including SINA transfer requests). Students are not guaranteed a transfer beyond one year, and a transfer at one level (elementary) does not guarantee a subsequent transfer at the next level (e.g. junior high). Transfers will be considered each year using a lottery system and granted only if class sizes can remain within Board-established class size parameters. The lottery is random and preference will not be given. SINA transfers will be implemented per federal guidelines of the current year. Factors that could effect a previous or new transfer request include: date of transfer request, SINA status, student grade level. Additional information regarding the District’s transfer process can be accessed by visiting the Quick Links section of [www.iowacityschools.org](http://www.iowacityschools.org) and clicking on Enrollment Process.

At the secondary level, City High School, West High School and South East Junior High School are closed to new transfers. Northwest and North Central Junior High Schools may receive transfer students. However, these students will be required to attend their assigned high school.

The District is currently closed to open enrollment for high school students. K-8 students may open enroll into the ICCSD and continue in the district through 12th grade; however, the District will not accept new open enrollment students desiring to enter the District as a 9th – 12th grader. Additional information regarding the District’s open enrollment policy and process can be accessed by visiting the Quick Links section of [www.iowacityschools.org](http://www.iowacityschools.org) and clicking on Enrollment Process.

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