

Commonwealth Elementary and Elementary School 47 Attendance Zones *Frequently Asked Questions*

- 1. I have a student entering Kindergarten, and live within the 2015-2016 Commonwealth Elementary (CWE) attendance zone. Can my kindergarten student enroll at CWE in 2015-16?**

Possibly. In 2015-16, CWE will ONLY be open for kindergarten registration to students living in the **2016-17** CWE attendance zone. Students who will be zoned to attend Elementary School 47 (ES 47) in 2016-17 will register for and attend kindergarten at Colony Bend Elementary in 2015-16 and then transition to ES 47 in 2016.
- 2. I have a student attending CWE, and I have a current second grader that attends private school. Can I enroll my current second grader at CWE for next year as well?**

CWE is currently an over-utilized campus and will not open for new enrollment until 2016. Only Kindergarten students living in the 2016-17 CWE attendance boundary will enroll in CWE for the 2015-16 school year.
- 3. I live in Riverstone, and my address shows I live within the CWE attendance zone for 2015-2016. Why can't my kindergarten student enroll at CWE in 2015?**

CWE is an over-utilized campus and will remain closed to new enrollment until 2016. In the Spring of 2014, FBISD discussed a two-year plan with the CWE community to send new CWE students to other nearby campuses. The District-wide Feeder Pattern and Boundary Plan approved by the FBISD Board of Trustees in January 2015 states the FBISD administration would create a transition plan for students residing in the new ES 47 attendance boundary, which includes most students who live in Riverstone. Based on enrollment projections, the FBISD administration developed a transition plan to enroll only kindergarten students at CWE in 2015 who will remain at CWE when ES 47 opens in 2016.
- 4. I live in the ES 47 attendance zone, and I currently have a child attending CWE. I understand I am supposed to enroll my Kindergarten student at Colony Bend Elementary (CBE) but I am concerned about splitting my children between two schools, is there any possibility of my enrolling Kindergartener to attend CWE?**

Based on feedback from the community, the District is researching to determine the feasibility of allowing enrolling kindergarten students to attend the campus to which an older sibling is attending due to the overflow of Commonwealth Elementary. Families residing in the new CWE or ES 47 boundary will receive a survey through School Messenger following Spring Break.
- 5. I live in the ES 47 attendance zone, and I currently have a child attending Austin Parkway Elementary (APE). I am enrolling my Kindergarten student at Colony Bend Elementary (CBE) for 2015-16. Can I enroll both my Kindergarten child and my child currently attending APE at CBE for 2015-16 or can both students attend APE?**

CBE and APE are both closed campuses to intra-district transfers based on campus utilization; however, a sibling may apply for an intra-district transfer to attend CBE provided space is available in the grade level requested at CBE. Additionally, an intra-district transfer to attend kindergarten at APE provided space is available in kindergarten. Information about the intra-district transfer process, open April 13-30, can be found on the Student Affairs webpage located at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/504>.

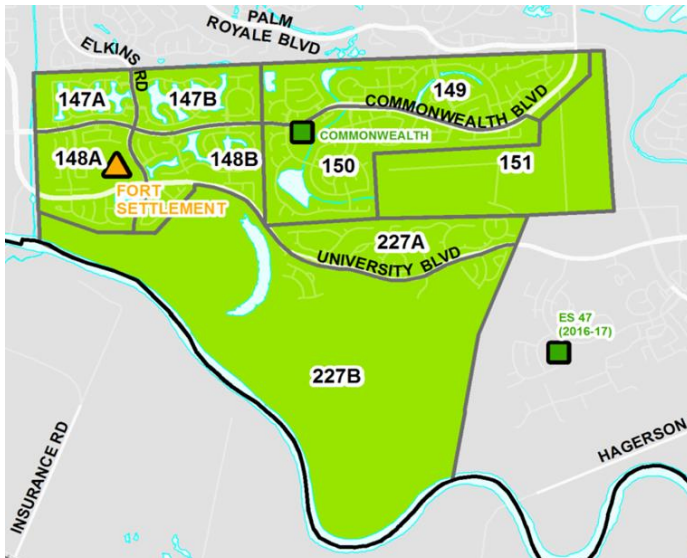
6. I live in the ES 47 attendance zone, and I currently have a child attending CWE. I am enrolling my Kindergarten student at CBE for 2015-16. Can I enroll both my Kindergarten child and my child currently attending CWE at CBE for 2015-16?

CBE is a closed campus to intra-district transfers based on campus utilization; however, a sibling may apply for an intra-district transfer to attend CBE provided space is available in the grade level requested at CBE. Information about the intra-district transfer process, open from April 13 to April 30, can be found on the Student Affairs webpage located at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/504>.

7. Which neighborhoods specifically are located within the new CWE attendance zone?

The following neighborhoods are zoned to attend CWE in 2016 and will overflow new students to CBE in 2015*:

Avalon at Riverstone	Commonwealth Estates
Avalon Enclave at Waters of Avalon	Commonwealth Park
Avalon Gardens of Avalon	Maranatha Farms
Avalon Meadows of Avalon	Oxford
Avalon Villages of Avalon	Sutton Forest
Avalon Waters of Avalon	Sutton Park
Brazos Landing	Sweetwater
Bridgewater	

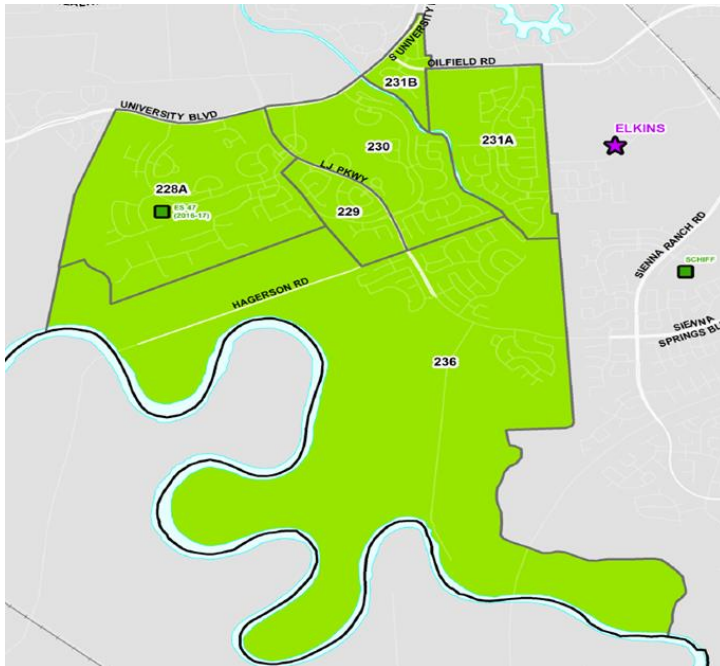


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8. Which neighborhoods specifically are located within the new ES 47 attendance zone?

The following neighborhoods are zoned to attend ES 47 in 2016 and will overflow new students to CBE in 2015:**

Alden Springs	Majestic Point	Silver Grove
Auburn Manor	Marble Bend	Sweetbriar
Brookside	Meridian Park	The Orchard
Creekstone Village	Millwood	Vintage Trail
Crescentview Estates	Nandina	Waterside
Edgewood	Olive Hill	Winding Waters Lane
Hartford Landing	Pecan Ridge	
Ivy Bend	Providence	
Kensington	Sanders Glen	
LJ Parkway	Senova	
Lost Creek	Shadow Glen	



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- 9. I have a third-grade child attending CWE who is zoned to ES 47. Will she be grandfathered to CWE and be able to finish elementary school at CWE during her fifth-grade year?**

Students entering grade 5 in 2016 may be eligible to apply to remain at CWE provided the projected utilization for the school does not exceed 120%. Students approved to remain shall not be eligible for District-provided transportation.

- 10. I live in the new 2016-17 CWE attendance zone. I currently have a student at APE due to the overflow, and I have a student entering kindergarten in the fall. Can I enroll my Kindergarten student at CWE, and can I bring my current second grader attending APE back to CWE so they attend the same school?**

Based on your address being in the 2016-17 CWE attendance zone, your incoming Kindergarten student may enroll at CWE; however, until the opening of ES 47, your second-grade student will continue attending APE due to the over-utilization at CWE. Your CWE kindergarten student may apply for an intra-district transfer to attend APE provided space is available in the grade level requested at APE. Information about the intra-district transfer process, open April 13-30, can be found on the Student Affairs webpage located at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/504>.

- 11. I have a child attending CBE due to overflow at CWE. We live in the new 2016-17 CWE attendance zone. Can my child now attend CWE?**

Your child will continue attending CBE in 2015-16 and transition to CWE once ES 47 opens in the fall of 2016.

- 12. I have a child attending APE due to overflow at CWE. We live in the new 2016-17 CWE attendance zone. Can my child now attend CWE?**

Your child will continue attending APE in 2015 and transition to CWE once ES 47 opens in the fall of 2016.

- 13. I have children attending CWE, and we live in the new CWE attendance zone. If I withdraw my students during the school year for a month, when we return can we re-enroll at CWE?**

If you decide to withdraw your child from school at CWE and continue to live in the 2016-17 CWE attendance zone, your child will be enrolled in CBE upon re-enrollment as CWE is closed to new enrollment during the 2015-16 school year, with the exception of CWE 2016-17 zoned Kindergarten students.

- 14. My child currently attends APE due to the overflow at CWE. I understand that my child will not be able to go to CWE even though that is the attendance zone we live in since there is not enough room. However, what about families moving into the new CWE attendance zone? Will they be able to enroll their child at CWE?**

Kindergarten students living in the 2016-17 CWE attendance zone may enroll at CWE for Kindergarten; however, all other grade levels will enroll at CBE, which will serve as the overflow campus for 2015-16. After the opening of ES 47, students living within the 2016-17 CWE attendance zone will transition to CWE. At that time, provided CBE is below 120% utilization, students entering 5th grade may be eligible to apply to remain at CBE for their 5th grade year.

- 15. How will the district address families who may have students attending two or possibly three different elementary schools due to the CWE overflow in 2015?**

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