

Attendance area changes for fall 2021

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A Message from Superintendent Greg Baker

Dear current Parkview/Whatcom/Bellingham families,

You may remember past messaging from us about adjusting some of our school boundaries for your neighborhood, specifically the area off North State Street between East Holly and Wharf streets.

Currently, your child is slated to attend the following schools: Parkview Elementary School, Whatcom Middle School and Bellingham High School.

In fall 2021, your child will attend the following schools: Lowell Elementary School, Fairhaven Middle School and Sehome High School.

We are fortunate because our students and families love their schools, which means you may have questions about these changes. In our experience, once families make the transition with strong support, students and families quickly become attached to their new school.

Please review the following resources if you need more information or have questions.

- **Attendance areas webpage:** <https://bellingshamschools.org/attendance-areas/>

You'll find current and future attendance area maps. If you have questions about your new attendance area, transportation or the address you have listed with the district, you can contact the Department of Finance and Operations at 360-676-6500. Your child's principal and school office staff are also good resources.

- **Transfer process**

We understand some families may wish to submit a transfer request to either 1) enroll in their future school early or 2) remain at your current school. Please review [this webpage](#) and click on [the FAQ regarding our transfer process](#). You can also talk with your principal or call the Department of Teaching and Learning at (360) 676-6512.

- **History of the process**

To learn more about our Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee and our process, or review meeting notes and recent messaging, you can visit bellingshamschools.org/attendance-areas-committee

Your new school's principal and staff are excited to welcome new students and support them in making a smooth and successful transition. You can expect a welcome letter from your new school(s) in 2020, as well as invitations to tour the school and meet staff.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to refine our plans. If you have any questions, you can talk with your principal or call the Department of Teaching and Learning at (360) 676-6512.

Sincerely,

Greg Baker
Superintendent