

1. What will be the structure of Scott County Ninth Grade School?

Scott County High School will include grades 9-12 next year (2018-2019). Most of the structures for SC9 will remain the same. The SBDM Council at SCHS approved this in fall 2017. When it opens in 2019, GCHS will also include grades 9-12.

2. Will both schools have access to Elkhorn Crossing School?

Yes, students from both high schools will have the opportunity to attend ECS.

3. Can you clarify the exceptions to the proposed school attendance boundaries?

Effective in August 2019, there will be some exceptions granted to the redistricting plan.

- At the elementary school level, rising 5th graders and their siblings that currently attend elementary school will have the option to remain at their current school even though attendance zone where they live has changed.
- For middle school, rising 8th graders and their siblings that currently attend middle school will have the option to remain at their current school.
- For high school, rising 11th & 12th graders and their siblings that currently attend high school have the option to remain at their current school.

If these students and their siblings choose to stay at their current school, they may each remain at this school until they transition to the next school level (middle or high school). Parents must provide all transportation if they choose to stay at the current school. This exception does not apply to siblings who do not attend the same school in the 2019-2020 school year.

4. Can I open enroll my child in another school?

There will be the opportunity for parents to request open enrollment at all elementary, middle, and high schools. Open enrollment will start with a clean slate for the 2019-2020 school year, meaning there will be no priority given to students previously open-enrolled. Each school will have slots for open enrollment based on current and projected enrollment and building capacity. There will be a random selection process for these slots. If selected, families will be granted open enrollment for all children to attend the requested school. Those who are open enrolled can remain at the school until they transition to the next level (middle or high school) and will no longer have to request approval for open enrollment each year. Open enrollment requests are separate from the exceptions to redistricting outlined in #4 above.

5. Will you be able to add on to the new schools if needed?

Yes. The Scott County Board of Education and the design team at Clotfelter/Samokar always consider the ability to add on to new construction when they design schools.

6. When will principals for new schools be selected?

The principal for GCHS will be selected around spring break this year and will start July 1, 2018. The principal for Creekside Elementary School will be named next year.

7. What about staffing for the new schools?

Staffing for new schools will be determined using board-approved staff allocation guidelines. We will consider the preference of teachers. We hope to have teacher assignments for new schools before spring break 2019.

8. What about the remodeling needs at SCHS?

During the development of the District Facility Plan, which will occur over the next few months, the Local Planning Committee will examine the renovation and upgrade needs at EVERY site in Scott County Schools. We expect the renovations on the SCHS campus to be among the first that we begin.

9. What about infrastructure and renovation needs at Eastern?

Eastern is one of many schools that needs significant renovations. As stated in #7 above, the District Facility Plan will be developed soon. As part of this process, the Local Planning Committee will examine the renovation and upgrade needs at EVERY site in Scott County Schools.

10. What are the plans for renovation at GMS?

The current plan is to build a two-story structure adding enough classrooms to increase the capacity by 250. Based on current projections, this addition will allow us to meet the needs of middle school students for 10 more years for a fraction of the cost it would require to build a new middle school.

11. Why have students from SCMS attend both high schools?

Although we prefer to have K-12 feeder patterns, current enrollment dictates that we split the feeder schools for SCMS. School attendance zones will be determined by elementary school boundaries.

12. What about Friday Night Football? Will both high schools use the football field that will be built on the campus of GCHS?

To the extent possible, both SCHS and GCHS will play home football games in the new stadium. It is our plan that, instead of the traditional home and visitor's sides, the stadium will include two home sides, one designed specifically for GCHS and the other for SCHS. We will still use Georgetown College when conflicts cannot be avoided. Recently decided by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, both schools will be in Class 5A in football.

13. When will athletic fields be ready?

The athletic complex will be ready for competition for the fall 2019 season and will include: football, soccer, track, baseball, and softball fields with fieldhouse, grandstand, concessions, public restrooms, and support facilities.

14. What about the services provided by Cardinal Academy Community?

We plan to expand the opportunities for students at Cardinal Academy. We are also making plans to offer services to students in grades 6-12. Students from both high schools may attend CAC.

15. What about the technology needs at SCHS?

The Scott County Board of Education plans to continue its priority of keeping upgraded technology in the hands of our students and staff. SBDM councils also play a role in the technology inventory in a school.

16. When will specific courses available at each high school be determined?

Our goal is to have the master schedule for both high schools complete by spring break 2019.

17. Will both schools have Advanced Placement (AP) offerings?

Issues like student requests, staff availability, and the overall master schedule will dictate the AP offerings at both schools. We have every reason to believe that we will have thriving AP programs at both schools.

18. When will GCHS have a SBDM Council?

GCHS will have a SBDM Council in place effective July 1, 2019. The school principal and district leadership team will work to open the new school, elect and train council members, and design the master schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

19. Will each school offer students the same programs, instructional opportunities, technology, etc.?

SBDM Councils make most of those specific decisions, but the Board of Education does their best to create equity among our schools.

20. Will GCHS offer early morning classes?

If the SBDM Council chooses to do so, early morning classes will be available to students at GCHS.

21. What are you doing to ensure more minority teachers?

We continue to work toward our goal of having the diversity of our staff population match the diversity of our student population. We are making positive strides, but are not near meeting our goal.

22. Will traffic lights be added to improve driver safety?

The decision to add traffic lights is made by the state government, not the Board of Education, but we do advocate when safety issues arise.

23. What about special education students?

The Scott County Board of Education makes sure special education staff and instructional resources are distributed based on student need. In the design of new schools, we will make sure there is space identified to meet the unique needs of special education students.

24. Is it possible that a few of the areas will be changed by the board?

Yes, the current proposal is just that, a proposal. The board will consider feedback and make its formal decision no sooner than the meeting on February 15, 2018. The Scott County Board of Education meets at 6:30pm at the Great Crossing Office Complex located at 2018 Frankfort Road.

25. Why is money being spent on building a new elementary school instead of renovating and enlarging Eastern?

Given the current infrastructure of the Eastern Elementary building, it is impossible to enlarge the school. Many rural utilities use sewage lagoons for wastewater treatment. This is currently the only option available to Eastern Elementary School. Even if the building could be enlarged enough to satisfy the growth in the eastern portion of the community, the water treatment plan could not expand to accommodate the increased enrollment at the school.

26. Why is Rocky Creek Farm being redistricted to Eastern?

The proposed plan slightly shifts some attendance boundaries, like the Rocky Creek Farm area, to ensure all elementary school attendance zones are clustered in a uniform manner. This assists with transportation routing and ensures students travel directly to their school without passing other schools on their route. If students residing in the Rocky Creek Farm subdivision remained in the Lemons Mill district, they would pass Creekside on the way to school.

27. Will GMS students that will be 8th graders for the 2018-2019 school year be districted for GCHS?

Effective in August 2019, high school districting will be based on the elementary school attendance zone. If a home is districted for Garth, Lemons Mill, or Southern Elementary School, these students will attend Great Crossing High School upon its opening in August 2019 along with students districted for Stamping Ground and Western Elementary Schools.

28. Will GMS remain in operation while the renovations are being made?

Yes. The renovation will take place while school is in session without interruption to the normal routine at GMS.

29. The map shows part of Crumbaugh Road, including Glen Creek Road, districted for Creekside but the Eastern map says at the bottom “add 460/922 Crumbaugh to county line.” Which district will Crumbaugh be in?

All of Crumbaugh Road, including Glen Creek Road, will be districted for Creekside Elementary School effective in August 2019. The bulleted description listed on the Eastern map refers to points along 460 using the intersection of 460 at Crumbaugh as one point along this stretch of 460.