

# BENTONVILLE SCHOOLS REZONING

## **Q: WHY DOES BENTONVILLE SEEM TO REZONE SO OFTEN?**

Rezoning is a necessity when the student population assigned to a school dramatically changes. This occurs in the Bentonville School District because of continued growth. If the student population becomes stable, rezoning will not be necessary.

## **Q: HOW MANY MORE REZONES SHOULD WE EXPECT?**

That will be determined by continued development and growth in our community.

## **Q: HOW IS BENTONVILLE SCHOOLS PLANNING TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROWTH SO WE DON'T HAVE TO CONTINUE REZONING?**

When we rezone, we account for all the new building permits issued by city government. We allow for future growth based upon estimated incoming population. We also try to maximize our facilities, even moving beyond ideal capacity, before we rezone. Sometimes this means installing portables, combining classes and requiring teachers to teach from a cart, moving from room to room.

## **Q: DOES THIS REZONE AFFECT THE HIGH SCHOOLS?**

No, high schools are not affected by this rezone.

## **Q: WHAT DOES YOUR TEAM DO AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL TO EASE THE TRANSITION FOR STUDENTS WHO MUST ATTEND A NEW SCHOOL?**

Schools hold special open houses to welcome new students and principals/staff are available to provide tours in new schools.

## **Q: WILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS BE AFFECTED?**

No, junior high schools are not affected by this rezone.

## **Q: WE JUST GOT TO OUR SCHOOL. WHY DO WE HAVE TO MOVE AGAIN?**

While the district team considered those families most recently rezoned, there may still be a small number of affected students. This is generally because they rest on the border of a zone and the district tries to keep neighborhoods together. If a neighborhood holds a large number of students for example, that number may no longer fit at one particular school. The team makes every effort not to transition families time and again.