
PEARCE CONTINGENCY PLAN

The following is a component of a larger contingency plan, for Pearce Middle School students, should the Commissioner of Education mandate that the District close the school due to academic performance on the TAKS test.

AISD is focused and optimistic on Pearce remaining open and recognizes the outstanding efforts of the Pearce students, staff and community to make this a reality. Events, over the past academic year, support the District's optimism, improved performance on the TAKS test and current legislation that will likely allow alternatives to school closure. Nonetheless, a reassignment plan must be in place in preparation for the possibility a state-mandated closure.

To prepare for the possible closure, two options have been discussed and developed with the Facility Use and Boundary Task Force that consists of a core group, representing the entire school district, and geographic members that represent the schools most affected by the proposed changes regarding the reassignment of Pearce students.

OPTION I – Choice Option

- Students will be able to choose among any middle school that is not rated "Academically Unacceptable" (AU) *, meets No Child Left Behind (NCLB)** standards and has sufficient capacity (not exceeding 115% of functional capacity). ***

Schools available for choice are: Bailey, Bedichek, Burnet, Covington, Dobie, Gorzycki (New SW Middle School), Lamar, Martin, Mendez, O. Henry, Small and Webb middle schools.

- Process for Choice Option
 - Students must submit at least three choices, in priority order, to the Office of Students Services, by a designated deadline.
 - Consideration will be given on a first-come basis.
 - As choices are received, the Office of Student Services would time and date stamp the choice document.
- AISD Transportation Services would be provided if a student resides outside of the two-mile radius from the school.
- If students choose a school that is not designated a Title I school, as their choice school, these students would **not** benefit from the additional funds provided to Title I campuses; however, if the choice school is designated a Title I school, the same Title I benefits would be available

2009-10 Title 1 schools include Bedichek, Burnet, Dobie, Fulmore, Garcia, Kealing, Martin, Mendez, Paredes, Pearce and Webb middle schools.

* *Academically Unacceptable Middle Schools – Garcia and Pearce middle schools*

** *NCLB Middle Schools – Fulmore, Paredes, and Pearce middle schools*

*** *School currently exceeding 115% of functional capacity – Kealing and Murchison middle schools*

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Option II – Boundary Changes

- Attendance boundaries would be realigned, assigning Pearce students to neighboring middle schools.
- AISD Transportation Services would be provided if a student resides outside of the two-mile radius from the school.
- Middle schools receiving reassigned students would include:
 - Dobie Middle School
 - Lamar Middle School
 - Webb Middle School
- See attached reassignment map.

