

School district borders in Florida

Constitutional Provisionsⁱ

The Florida constitution specifically defines school district borders, by indicating each county will constitute a school district.

The constitution also outlines a process for the consolidation of county school districts.

Relationship to Other Jurisdictional Boundariesⁱⁱ

All school district borders in Florida must align with county boundaries. No school districts are required to align with city boundaries.

Minimum Requirements

Minimum requirements include population, grade level, funding, or diversity requirements that must be met by existing school districts or new school districts formed through border changes.

School districts in Florida are not required to meet any population, grade level, diversity, or funding requirements.

Boundary Changes

School districts may make change their boundaries in one of several ways: Merger, which involves the formation of one school district from two or more school districts; secession, which involves the formation of a new school district from part of an existing school district; territory transfer, which involves the transfer of part of one school district to another school district.

Mergerⁱⁱⁱ

School districts in Florida may merge with local action and approval in a vote of the public. School districts never require state approval in order to merge.

Contiguous county school districts may merge with voter approval in each county.

Secession

Florida state law does not describe a process for school district secession.

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Territory transfer

Florida state law does not describe a process for school district territory transfer.

Considerations for approval

Florida state law does not describe any factors that authorizing entities should consider in school district border changes.

For a look at all states' laws regarding school district borders and to learn more about the impact of these policies, visit edbuild.org/content/frontier.

Citations

ⁱ Fla. Const. Art. IX, § 4 (Lexis Advance 2020).

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