

Redistricting Requirements for:

County Boards of Education, School Boards, & Special Districts

Who Draws the Lines?

County Boards of Education: The county committee on school district organization (2/3 vote requirement).

School Boards: The governing board of each school district.

Community College Districts: The governing board of each community college district.

Special Districts: The governing board of each special district.



School districts, community college districts, and special districts can create independent, advisory, or hybrid redistricting commissions to lead their redistricting process.

What is the deadline for adopting maps?

County Boards of Education: March 1, 2022.

School Boards: Feb 28, 2022. If the school board doesn't redistrict by this date, the county committee on school district organization must adjust district boundaries before April 30, 2022.

Community College Districts: Feb 28, 2022. If the community college districts doesn't redistrict by this date, the county committee on school district organizations must adjust district boundaries before April 30, 2022.

Special Districts: 180 days before the first election in which the special district uses the new district lines. That deadline is May 12, 2022 for special districts holding elections on Nov. 8, 2022.

What are the redistricting criteria applicable to new district maps?

Districts must comply with the following line-drawing criteria:

- the US Constitution, which requires roughly equal population in all districts, and
- the federal Voting Rights Act, which requires majority-minority districts under specific circumstances.



County boards of education, school boards, community college districts, and special districts are not required to comply with other criteria under state law. However, they may redistrict based on other factors, including geography, contiguity, compactness of territory, and communities of interest in the jurisdiction. If used effectively, these criteria can create maps that honor communities on the ground and keep people and neighborhoods with similar characteristics, needs, and interests together, so they are empowered to speak with one voice in local politics.

What are the public meeting and outreach requirements?

County Boards of Education: One hearing is required to discuss and approve a new map.

School Boards: One hearing is required to discuss and approve a new map.

Community College Districts: One hearing is required to discuss and approve a new map.

Special Districts: Two hearings are required, one to consider a map and a second to approve the map.



All local governments should hold a meaningful number of redistricting hearings so the public can get involved and submit testimony and input.



There are no formal public outreach requirements for county board of education, school board, community college districts and special district redistricting. However, these jurisdictions are encouraged to conduct a transparent redistricting process that invites public input and testimony.

Sources: County Board of Education redistricting (California Education Code 1002), School Board redistricting (School Districts and Community College Districts) (California Education Code 5019.5), Special District redistricting (California Elections Code 22000-22001)



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