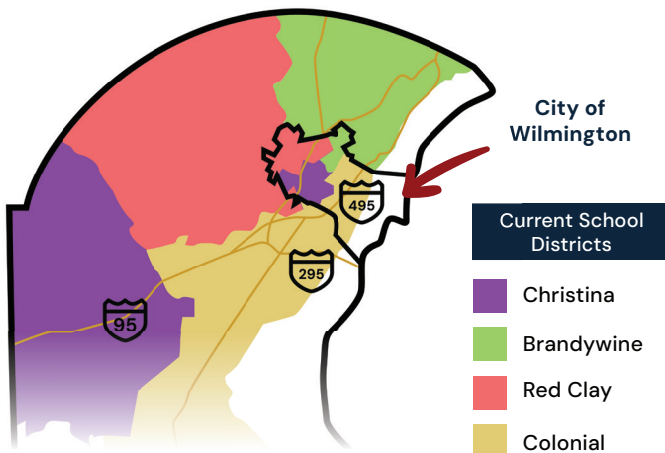




Fixing a Broken System

Why Redistricting?



Students living in the city of Wilmington attend schools in four different school districts, creating an unequal system where children living blocks apart have vastly different educational experiences. Resources are scattered, coordination is complex, and gaps in support are wide.

Redistricting will replace our patchwork of districts with more streamlined management. By bringing together what's been broken apart for decades now, **we will create stronger schools that better and more fairly serve our children.**

Three options under consideration:

A

Two-District Option

Divide all city public schools between the Brandywine and Red Clay School Districts.

B

Metropolitan Wilmington District Option

Merge the Brandywine and Red Clay School Districts into one Metropolitan Wilmington District serving the city and its northern and western suburbs.

C

Northern New Castle County Consolidated District Option

Consolidate all four districts serving Northern New Castle County into one district. Red Clay, Christina, Brandywine, and Colonial Districts would merge.

All options remove Christina School District from Wilmington.

Why? The Christina School District is a **geographically disconnected school district**, which can pose unique challenges around things like transportation and sense of community. The district primarily serves students in the Newark area, with an island of responsibility for students in the city of Wilmington.

Timeline

May 2024

Interim Plan
Approved

Now

Final Redistricting Plan
Under Development

January 2026

Plan Submitted to
the State Board of
Education

Spring 2026

Final Plan Submitted to
the General Assembly

June 2026

General Assembly
Deadline to Vote
on Plan

2028–2033

Changes may take effect



Will families be able to give input?

Absolutely. Family engagement is extremely important to this process. Use the QR code below to get involved.

Will my child have to switch schools?

In the current plan, we are 3–5 years out from major student shifts.

Is this about closing schools?

No, as of now, there are no plans to close any schools.

How will this affect magnet or choice schools?

This process, to date, has focused on traditional public schools and better supporting Wilmington students. Recommendations might include suggestions to improve how school choice works to ensure all students benefit.

What is the Redding Consortium?

The Redding Consortium for Educational Equity is a state body created in 2019 to recommend policies and practices to the Governor and Delaware General Assembly that will achieve educational equity and improve educational outcomes for all Pre-K to grade twelve students in the city of Wilmington and northern New Castle County.

One of the main charges of the Redding Consortium, as required by House Bill 222, is to address redistricting.

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