

Class Size Limits

You are receiving this explanation because the school to which you are zoned is overcrowded at your child's grade-level.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

A number of schools in the Houston Independent School District are experiencing growth in their zoned population, leading to a situation where class sizes can exceed the state's mandated 22 student maximum.

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT DOING?

The district is taking a number of steps to address this challenge. We are providing some schools with temporary classroom buildings, we are equipping and staffing some schools with additional classrooms so they can act as temporary overflow sites for schools that have no more room for expansion, and we are limiting the number of transfer students (from outside their attendance zone) that overcrowded schools may accept. In the long-term, we are reviewing options for new school construction.

HOW ARE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS DEALING WITH THIS?

All elementary schools with attendance zones use the same system. Returning zoned students, and most transfer students, are automatically re-enrolled. Students new to the attendance zone will be enrolled if the school has space. However, if the addition of your child will bring the number of students in a classroom to greater than 22, your child will be placed on a waitlist maintained by the school.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS A SPOT?

If schools find out, prior to the first day of school, that previously enrolled students are not returning, they may be able to contact you. On the first day of school, parents should come to the school. If schools have any spaces open up because a previously enrolled student has not returned, they will enroll students from the list, in the order they registered.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY STUDENT IF THERE IS NO SPACE?

Students for whom there is no space will be provided a space at a nearby school and will be provided transportation, if they meet district qualifications. Because HISD is a district of choice, you always have the option of seeking a seat at any school in the district that has space. If you find a school that has space and is able to accept your student, that school will process the necessary paperwork.