





IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Farragut Community School District Dissolution: Division of Territory

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Introduction

The Farragut Community School District will dissolve at the end of the 2015-16 school year due to its loss of state accreditation. This handout provides information on how the district's boundaries will be redrawn (i.e., the new school districts assigned to Farragut students in 2016-17 based on where they live), open enrollment options for students and families, student eligibility in athletics, and financial considerations.

Territory

The territory of the former Farragut Community School District (CSD) has been divided among neighboring districts as shown on the map on page 2. The Iowa Department of Education drew the new boundaries based on transportation routes and where students currently reside in an attempt to minimize transportation time for students. The Department also took into consideration the current open enrollment choices of Farragut CSD students. The new district boundaries become effective on July 1, 2016.

Open Enrollment

Families who do not want to enroll their students into their new school district will have an opportunity to open enroll into a neighboring school district. Open enrollment may be filed beginning February 22 through April 15 for all residents of the former territory of Farragut CSD. Open enrollment paperwork must be sent to both the resident school district (where the student lives) and to the school district where the student wants to transfer. If you have already filed open enrollment paperwork to or from Farragut CSD, new open enrollment papers must be filed during this time period. Open enrollment applications, directions for filing, and further guidance can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zvv5crp>. Please note that the open enrollment deadline for students who are not residents of the former Farragut CSD is March 1, 2016. If you have questions about open enrollment, please contact Eric Heitz at eric.heitz@iowa.gov.

Athletic Eligibility

Students who were residents of the former Farragut CSD territory, who either (a) attend school in their new district, (b) open enroll before the extended deadline of April 15, or (c) choose to enroll in a nonpublic school will all be immediately eligible for interscholastic athletics. For other questions about athletic eligibility, you may wish to contact the Iowa High School Athletic Association at (515) 432-2011 or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union at (515) 288-9741.

Financial Considerations

The Department's finance team will begin work with Green Hills Area Education Agency (AEA) and the surrounding districts that are receiving territory as the result of this merger to divide the assets and liabilities of Farragut CSD. The successor districts are responsible for working with the AEA and the Department to ensure that any debt received is retired, a final Certified Annual Report is submitted to the Department, and a final audit is completed.

Questions

If you have general questions, please submit them to FarragutFAQ@iowa.gov. Answers to questions will be added to the Frequently Asked Questions document for Farragut on the Department's website at <http://tinyurl.com/zhql8ed>.