

Local Redistricting 2010-2012: School Districts

A school board with member districts is required to reestablish or redistrict the boundaries in 2012 to conform to statutory requirements.

Key Dates

Date	Requirement	Statutory Reference(s)
February 21, 2012	Deadline for adoption of new congressional and legislative districts	204B.14, subd. 1a
April 3, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for reestablishment or redistricting of municipal precincts; school board redistricting may begin upon adoption of new precinct boundaries Last day to conduct a local special election prior to the state primary election 	204B.14, subd. 3; 204B.135, subd. 2 204B.135, subd. 4
April 24, 2012 (or one week prior to scheduled action)	Deadline for publishing notice of hearing for purposes of redistricting	205A.12, subd. 6.
May 1, 2012 (or 80 day period following completion of legislative districts)	Deadline for adoption of school board districts (public hearing required before adoption)	204B.135, subd. 2; 205A.12, subd. 6.
May 8, 2012	Deadline for voters to apply in district court for revisions to an adopted districting plan or to compel the board to act	204B.135, subd. 3
May 22, 2012 – June 5, 2012	State general election candidate filing period	204B.09, subd. 1
August 14, 2012	State primary election New school board districts take effect	204D.03; 205A.12, subd. 6
November 6, 2012	State general election	204D.03

Standards for school board member districts

(Minn. Stat § 205A.12)

- Districts must be as equal in population as practicable (if districts are multi-member or are a mix of single and multi-member districts, population of districts must be proportionate).
- Districts must be composed of compact, contiguous territory.
- U.S. Census data may be used, or the district may conduct its own special census.

Other statutory requirements

- Failure of a school board to reconfirm existing boundaries or draw new boundaries to comply with the statutory standards results in a suspension of pay to school board members until reconfirmation or redistricting is complete.

(Minn. Stat. § 205A.12, subd. 6.)