



A Message from the Superintendent



Dear EMUHSD Families, Students and Staff,

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for

continuing to work together this school year to overcome the challenges we have faced as a result of the pandemic.

Although we are still in an unprecedented time, our continued work together will support and benefit the health and wellness of our students and staff. We know it has not been easy and our mission remains the same for 2022 and beyond. Our school staff is ready to support and guide our students with services and resources, based on need.

As we enter winter break, I want to share some important information with you:

Student Vaccine Mandate

On December 9, 2021, the El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees was provided with an update and presented data regarding the vaccination status of our staff, students, and other important information related to the District's efforts in promoting vaccination clinics within the school community. The information provided will be used to inform future decisions around the safety protocols we are currently executing, including the student vaccine mandate.

Our Board of Trustees will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to consider a Resolution to delay the COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students to the 2022-2023 school year. Please take the opportunity to review the linked information for your own knowledge.

In response to the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting, all students who remain unvaccinated and are scheduled for in-person learning for the second semester will report to their school on January 3, 2022, regardless of their vaccination status. Once the Board makes a decision on

delaying the student vaccine requirement to the 2022-2023 school year, the District will immediately inform parents/guardians and students of the decision and what will be required of them.

Holiday Health & Safety Reminders

With an increase in vaccination rates in our community, we are in a much better place than we were last year at this time. During the holidays, we want to remind you that our goal is to continue in-person instruction for our students and encourage all families to get their children vaccinated. We can all play a role in ensuring this continues by remembering the following:

Wear your mask indoors

If you are sick, do not attend gatherings or celebrations. We highly recommend that you get a COVID test. Tests are available through <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>

If you are vaccinated and it has been six months since you last got vaccinated, please get a booster shot.

Your student has access to Hazel Health at Home throughout this school year, including during winter break when school is closed. Hazel Health provides all students with health visits by licensed medical providers, using phone or video from the comfort of your home. If you have any health concerns for your child over the winter break, click here to message a Hazel doctor instantly.

Vaccination Clinics

The clinics held at our high schools last week provided over 100 vaccinations for our parents, staff, students and community members. We will continue to share information on local vaccination clinics. If you are not yet vaccinated, please get vaccinated. Vaccination appointments are always available and can be made by going to <https://myturn.ca.gov/>.

Happy Holidays

I want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. We are excited for the opportunities the new year will bring us and we look forward to seeing you back on January 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Zuniga, Ed.D
Superintendent

El Monte Union By-Trustee Area Elections - Frequently Asked Questions

BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS FAQs

El Monte Union High School District, like many other school districts and cities in the state, is in the process of changing how members of the Board of Trustees are elected to office. As the process for creating trustee areas moves forward, the District would like to share a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the transition to By-Trustee Area elections.



Why is El Monte Union High School District transitioning to a By-Trustee Area Election System?

The District initiated the process in order to comply with the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"). The Board of Trustees adopted a resolution expressing intent and establishing criteria for developing trustee areas including (but not limited to) equal population, communities of interest, compactness, contiguity of districts, visible boundaries, and respect for voters' wishes and continuity in office.

What is the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)?

The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) prohibits the use of any election method "that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election."

What is the difference between an At-Large and a By-Trustee Area Election Method?

An at-large election method is where all voters can vote for all candidates for election in the entire District. A by-trustee area election method would require voters to vote for a single candidate that resides within an election district (trustee area), comprised of one-fifth of the entire district.

How many trustee areas will be established?

Five separate By-Trustee voting areas will be established within the district boundary map.

How will EMUHSD determine the trustee area map?

The District has enlisted a demographer and a public involvement team to lead the process. The demographer will develop several map options that best align with the criteria established and adopted by the Board of Trustees. Public hearings will be

conducted prior to the creation of map options and community meetings will be held for the purpose of discussion and to receive input on the draft maps. Following comments from the community, the Board of Trustees will begin to narrow draft map options and prepare to select a final map for adoption. The approved map will be presented to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization for approval at a later date.

When will this change go into effect?

Beginning in November 2022, residents will vote for a single Board of Trustees candidate residing in their newly drawn trustee area. Elections for 3 trustee areas will be held in 2022 and the remaining 2 areas will be held in November of 2024. The specific sequence on which a Trustee will be elected from each of the new trustee areas (i.e., either in November 2022 or November 2024) will be determined by the final map selected.

Will this impact where my student goes to school?

No, the El Monte Union High School District's transition from At-Large to By-Trustee Area voting will not have an impact on school attendance zones.

How can EMUHSD residents assist with forming trustee areas?

The EMUHSD Board of Education has scheduled a series of public participation opportunities including community open houses and public hearings to receive feedback on the proposed trustee areas and sequence of election. Community residents are invited to attend a meeting or leave input by visiting the District's dedicated webpage: EMUHSD District Formation Process.

ONLINE REGISTRATION - Visit [EMRAS.edu](https://emras.edu) to register online

AVAILABLE FROM NOVEMBER 29, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2021 AND JANUARY 3, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2022.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

AVAILABLE FROM NOVEMBER 29, 2021 THRU DECEMBER 17, 2021 AND JANUARY 3, 2022 THRU JANUARY 14, 2022

Monday-Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Monday-Thursday - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.