

Proposal to Create a New Boundary for Encinal Jr. Jets Effective at the Beginning of the 2022-23 School Year

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Reasons for the Proposal

Currently the Encinal middle school program (Jr. Jets) enrolls students exclusively through an open enrollment process.

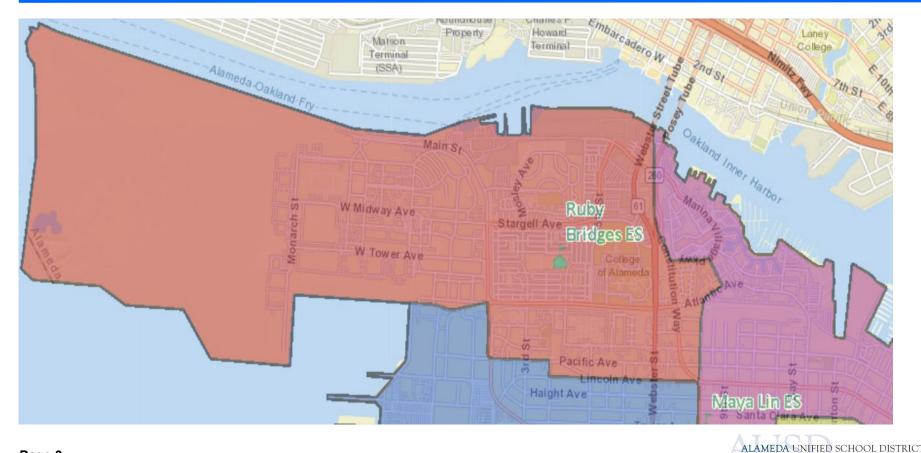
The disadvantages of this process are:

- Some of our most underserved populations reside on the west end.
- The process of open enrollment does not allow students to attend a district middle school closest to their residence.
- Families that do not navigate the open enrollment process attend Wood MS which leads to transportation issues and attendance challenges. (Two busses are needed to get to Wood from some neighborhoods in the west end.)

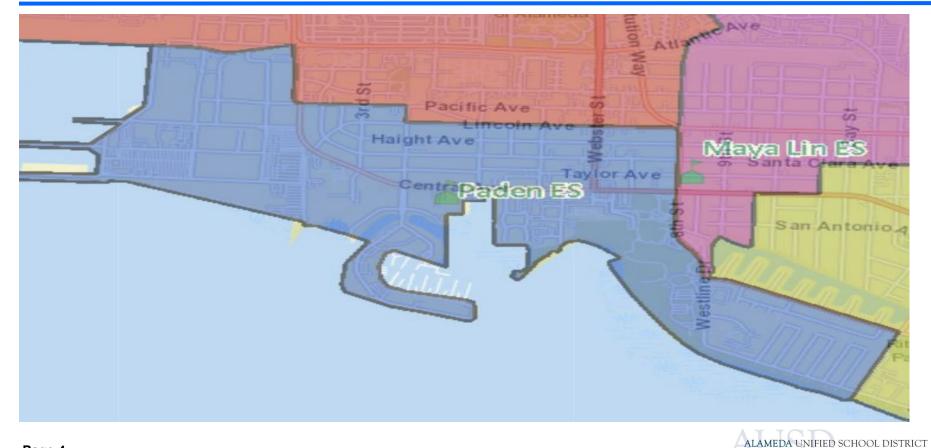
With the remodel of Encinal, there is space to allow for the middle school program to withstand a boundary change, with a guarantee of attendance to all students who live within the school zone. The remodel created a building for the middle school program with designated outdoor space for 6th - 8th grade students.

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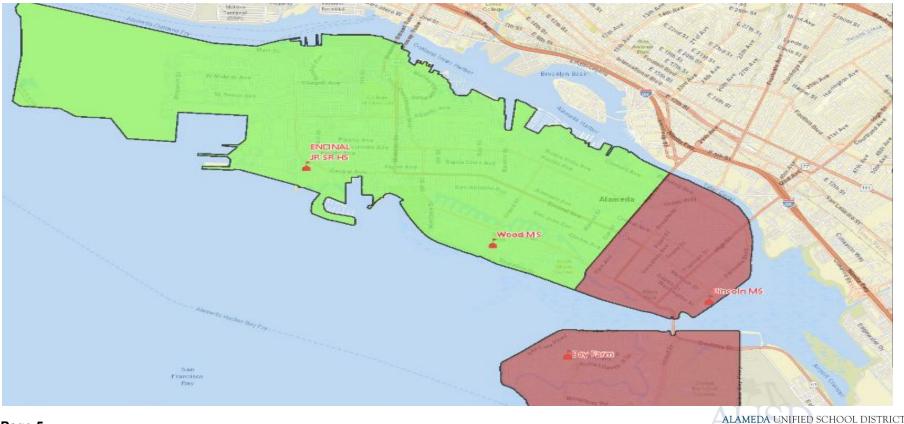
Ruby Bridges Boundary



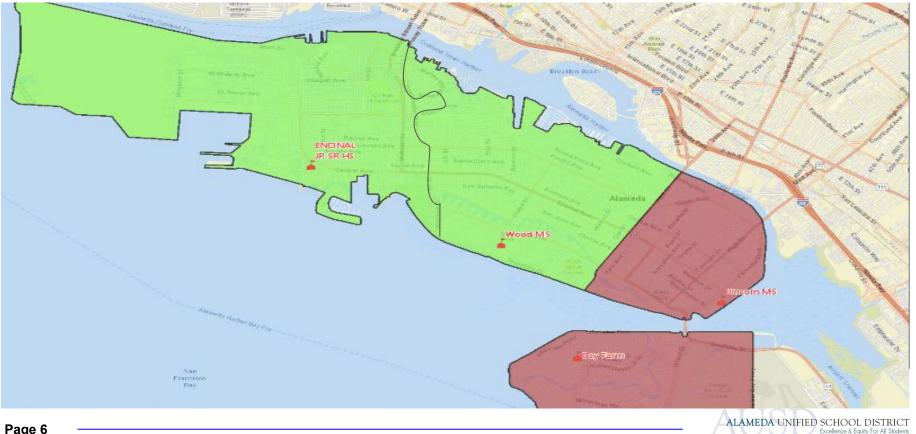
Paden Boundary



Middle School Current Boundaries



Middle School Proposed Boundaries



2021 Ruby Bridges and Paden Current Enrollment

| School | к | Gr. 1 | Gr. 2 | Gr. 3 | Gr. 4 | Gr. 5 | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Paden | 41 | 68 | 58 | 61 | 56 | 43 | |
| Ruby Bridges | 61 | 70 | 62 | 86 | 59 | 61 | |
| Total | 102 | 148 | 120 | 147 | 115 | 104 | |



Jr. Jets 6th Grade Projected Enrollment with Boundary

| School | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total that could be from both Paden and Ruby Bridges | 148 | 120 | 147 | 116 | 115 |
| Projected (with open enrollment) | 132 | 132 | 132 | 99 | 99 |
| 6th grade classes | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 |



Historical Data

| Pac | Paden 19-20 (47 5th Graders) | | | | Pac | len 20-2 | 1 (63 5tł | ers) | Paden 21-22 (64 5th Graders) | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|------|-------------|------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------|------|-------------|------------------|
| Junior Jets | Lincoln | Wood | Bay Farm | Left district | Junior Jets | Lincoln | Wood | Bay Farm | Left district | Junior Jets | Lincoln | Wood | Bay Farm | Left district |
| 19 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 37 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 4 | 21 | 0 | 12 |

| Ruby Bridges 19-20 (85 5th Graders) | | | | Ruby Bridges 20-21 (55 5th Graders) | | | | | Ruby Bridges 21-22 (62 5th Graders) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------|------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------|------|-------------|------------------|
| Junior Jets | Lincoln | Wood | Bay Farm | Left district | Junior Jets | Lincoln | Wood | Bay Farm | Left district | Junior Jets | Lincoln | Wood | Bay Farm | Left district |
| 38 | 4 | 40 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 4 | 21 | 0 | 12 | 19 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 11 |

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Benefits

Below are some initial identified benefits to students and site systems if designated attendance zones were established:

- Families would not have to take any steps to select the middle school program closest to them during an enrollment period.
- Students would be guaranteed a middle school program that is walking distance from their home.
- Families would not have to hold responsibility for touring the campus. Sites can coordinate with the elementary school to hold tours to introduce the middle school to incoming students.
- Encinal would have a steady enrollment which will support maintaining classes for students.



Benefits, *cont...*

- Wood MS would have a more predictable enrollment.
- Encinal would be able to have coordinated warm hand-off meetings with 5th grade instructional and intervention teams at specific sites. This has positive programming benefits to incoming students and connects them to programs and services without interruption or delay.
 - STAR data
 - COST management (engagement, attendance, services, etc)
 - MDTP (Is this given at elementary level?)
 - **504 lists**
 - Case manager recommendations for programming and courses



Opting to Enroll at Wood MS

What happens if a family who lives in the new Jr. Jet zone does not want to attend Encinal Jr/Sr High School?

- All families who live in the Encinal Jr. Jet Boundary will have the option to attend Wood MS if they do not wish to attend Jr. Jets.
- Families can either fill out the open enrollment form for Wood MS and or an intra district transfer if it is within the open enrollment deadline and student services will approve the request.



Open Enrollment

Encinal would continue to be a open enrollment school...

- Alameda resident students who live in the new Encinal Jr. Jets school zone
- Alameda resident students who have a sibling currently attending Encinal Jr. Jets
- All other Alameda residents
- Applicants who do not reside within Alameda City



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Board Discussion

