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Skyview High School and Western Pyramids Boundary Phasing and Transportation Recommendation

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Boundary Phasing and Transportation

This presentation will provide recommendations relative to:

– Phasing

– Transportation

Process & Timeline

November 2025: School Board approved Western High School to be a comprehensive high school with traditional boundaries, with a special programming pathway option, and the following enrollment phasing plan for Year 1 would be implemented (2026-2027 Grades 9 and 10 opt-in).

February 2026: School Board voted to name the school known as Western High School to Skyview High School

March-June 2026: Skyview High School and Western Pyramids Boundary Study Community Engagement effort

June 2026: Presentation on Skyview Phasing and Transportation for Years 2 and 3

July 2026: Public Hearing

July 2026: Board actions

Phasing Recommendation

Year 1 (SY 2026-27): School comprises 9th and 10th grade with opt-in enrollment only (as approved on November 13, 2025 by the School Board).

Year 2 (SY 2027-28): A new 9th-grade cohort will be added with students from within the school boundary. Students may opt out and go to their former high school if the configuration does not meet their educational needs. An opt-in process may still be available. The school will support three grades: 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Year 3 (SY 2028-29): School supports 9th through 12th grade. The 9th grade will be composed of students who live in the boundary, with no opt-out in effect. While no opt-out is in effect, students may still transfer to other FCPS schools as per Regulation 2230.

Following FCPS Precedent from South County

Description	2005 Precedent (South County)	Skyview High School Approach
Background	Last time the FCPS School Board approved the opening of a brand new high school	The first new comprehensive high school opening in two decades.
Expansion Years	11th grade addition contingent on a survey of rising juniors meeting interest threshold.	Phased addition of 11th grade in year two, with structured opt-out pathways based on educational needs. (SY2027-28 and SY2028-29)

VHSL Phasing Plan

Year 1 (SY 2026-27): Skyview High School will not be a VHSL member school in its first year.

Year 2 (SY 2027-28): Skyview becomes a VHSL member. Most outdoor Skyview HS athletic teams will require fields/facilities for practice and competition that are off campus. Partnership with Fairfax County Park Authority will be essential to locating off-site facilities suitable for high school competition.

Year 3 (SY 2028-29): Full 9th through 12th grade with full boundary in effect. There is no opt out for incoming 9th graders. Athletic fields anticipated to be completed summer 2028.

Phasing Matrix

Component	Year 1 (SY 2026-27)	Year 2 (SY 2027-28)	Year 3 (SY 2028-29)
Grades	9th & 10th grade	9th, 10th, 11th grade	Full 9th-12th grade
Boundary Rules	Opt-in enrollment	Formal boundary established; 9th grade opt out available for educational needs	Full boundary in effect; no opt out for incoming 9th graders
VHSL Status	No VHSL programs, Skyview students may participate in VHSL programs at base school	Full VHSL membership, students attending Skyview participate only at Skyview, program offerings may be limited or adjusted based on interest	2nd year of VHSL membership, full slate of VHSL offerings expected

Recommendation

In-Boundary Transportation

Students who live within the eventual boundary will be transported using a neighborhood bus stop model.

Out-of-Boundary Transportation

To improve operational efficiency, FCPS will use the depot bus stop model for students who live outside Skyview boundary and attend Skyview from the five designated feeder high schools (Centreville, Chantilly, Oakton, South Lakes, and Westfield).

High School Student Transportation

For students who live in areas where middle and high school boundaries change and are not assigned to attend Skyview High School, the Superintendent recommends, as per the February 26, 2026 School Board vote, that non-boundary (current) **high schools** students be provided transportation consistent with Policy 8130.

VHSL Athletics Transportation Support

Eligibility and Rules

During the phased implementation period, students who attend their base school may remain eligible for activities at their base school consistent with FCPS and VHSL rules.

Transportation Limitations

Support for athletics and activities will be **limited to feeder schools only**. ***Transportation to non-feeder schools will not be provided.**

Evaluation of Shuttle Service

FCPS is evaluating afternoon shuttle service from Skyview to the five original feeder high schools: Centreville, Chantilly, Oakton, South Lakes, and Westfield.

School Board Decision Timeline

June 2026: Presentation on Skyview High School Boundary (Phasing & Transportation)

July 2026: Public hearing on Skyview High School and Western Pyramids boundaries

July 2026: Board Action on phasing, transportation, and boundary