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Skyview High School Transportation and Phasing

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Phasing Plan - Skyview

School Year	Grades Served	Student Enrollment Options
2026-27	**9-10**	• Eligible students may opt in to attend Skyview.
2027-28	**9-11**	• A new 9th grade class would be added from within Skyview's approved boundary. Students may choose to opt out. • Students in grades 9 to 11 who live in Skyview's boundary are eligible to attend Skyview. • 10th and 11th graders who attended Skyview in the 2026-27 school year and do not live in the approved boundary may opt out and attend their base school.
2028-29	**9-12**	• Skyview would serve all four high school grade levels. The 9th grade class would be composed of students who live within the Skyview boundary. Opting out would no longer be an option. Students may still apply to transfer to other FCPS schools per Regulation 2230. • 10th, 11th, and 12th graders who attend Skyview and do not live in the boundary could opt out and attend their neighborhood school.

Phasing Plan - Skyview HS and Other Schools

Skyview High School Phasing				
SY 2026-27	9th	10th	-	-
SY 2027-28	9th	10th	11th	-
SY 2028-29	9th	10th	11th	12th
SY 2029-30	9th	10th	11th	12th
SY 2030-31	9th	10th	11th	12th
SY 2031-32	9th	10th	11th	12th

Legend

- **School Boundary Is Not in Effect**
  (Current students must opt-in)
- **Boundary Is in Effect; Students Can Opt Out**
  (Students can opt to remain at their former base school)
- **Boundary Complete**
  (All students attend assigned school based on new boundaries; Students may apply to transfer to other schools per Regulation 2230)

Other Schools Impacted: Phasing							
	Middle Schools (Changes involving Carson, Franklin, Liberty, Rocky Run and Stone middle schools)			**High Schools** (Students reassigned from Centreville and Chantilly high schools into Westfield HS)			
SY 2026-27	7th	8th		9th	10th	11th	12th
SY 2027-28	7th	8th		9th	10th	11th	12th
SY 2028-29	7th	8th		9th	10th	11th	12th
SY 2029-30	7th	8th		9th	10th	11th	12th
SY 2030-31	7th	8th		9th	10th	11th	12th

Legend

- **School Boundary Is Not in Effect**
- **Phased**
  (Current students have the option to remain at their current school)
- **Expected to Attend**
  (All students attend assigned school based on new boundaries; Students may transfer to other schools per Regulation 2230)

Transportation Models & Budget Assumptions

In-Boundary Students: Standard, traditional neighborhood busing routes will be fully deployed starting in SY 2026-27. This applies to all students who opt in and live within Skyview's approved boundary.

Out-of-Boundary / Opt-In Students (Transition Phase): Staff recommends a Depot-Style Transportation Model. Instead of neighborhood pickups, out-of-boundary students will report to designated depot locations (such as feeder middle or high schools) to be shuttled to Skyview. Families will provide transportation to the regional hubs.

Budget & Staffing Assumptions: The depot model is intentionally designed to control costs and alleviate strain on the ongoing FCPS bus driver shortage.

Transportation Costing Estimate

Depot Stops for out of boundary Skyview students	
Additional Runs/Drivers	11
Driver Cost	11 x $80,462 = **$885,082**

Neighborhood Stops within the Skyview Boundary	
Category	**Diesel**
Additional Runs/Drivers	20
Driver Cost	20 x $80,462 = **$1,609,240**
Total Cost Overall	**$2,494,302 per year**

The estimated transportation costs associated with the Skyview implementation will be absorbed within the FY 2026-27 adopted budget and will not require additional budget appropriations.

Skyview High School: The Roadmap to 2029

SY 2026-27
Grades 9 and 10 Opt In

9 10

Eligible students may opt in to attend Skyview.

SY 2027-28
Expanding to Grade 11

9 10 11

Boundary enrollment begins and Skyview applies for official VHSL athletic membership.

SY 2028-29
Full 9-12 Grade Capacity

9 10 11 12

Skyview serves all four grade levels. Ninth graders live within Skyview's boundary.



The Shift in Athletics (VHSL)

SY 2026-27: Students play at base school. Afternoon transportation will be provided to participants.

SY 2027-28 and Beyond: Transition to Skyview teams



Transportation Model by Student Location

Depot Bus Stops: Centralized pick-up locations used for students living outside of the immediate school boundary.

1. Within the Skyview Boundary = Neighborhood Bus Stop
2. Outside of the Skyview Boundary = Depot Bus Stop

VHSL Eligibility Implications

School Year	Grades Served	VHSL Implications
2026-27	**9-10**	• Skyview High School will not be a VHSL member school during the 2026-27 school year. However, during this first year, Skyview students will be able to participate in VHSL athletics and activities at their base school.
2027-28	**9-11**	• Skyview High School will become a VHSL member school. Students who attend Skyview will participate in VHSL athletics and activities at Skyview High School. • Students would not be eligible to attend Skyview while participating in VHSL athletics or activities at another high school. • Students would participate in some sports in borrowed or rented fields.
2028-29	**9-12**	• VHSL rules remain unchanged. • Skyview High School sports fields scheduled for completion.

Upcoming Milestones

- **July 16:** Boundary Public Hearing

  School Board action to direct:

  - Boundaries for Skyview High School and schools in the western pyramids
  - Skyview High School Phasing Plan
  - Skyview High School Transportation Plan