

Williamson County Schools

Bus Pilot Program

Current State of Tennessee Standards for General Education Bus Riders

- Per Tennessee State Law, students shall not be allowed to ride the bus more than 1.5 hours to school or more than 1.5 hours from school.
- Per Tennessee State Law, students who attend their zoned school and who live more than 1.5 miles from the school are eligible for bus service.

Current Williamson County Schools Standards for General Education Bus Riders

- **Students residing inside subdivisions may walk up to .25 miles to the bus stop.**
- **WCS strives to keep the time on the bus at no more than 60 minutes to school or from school.**

Bus Pilot Plan

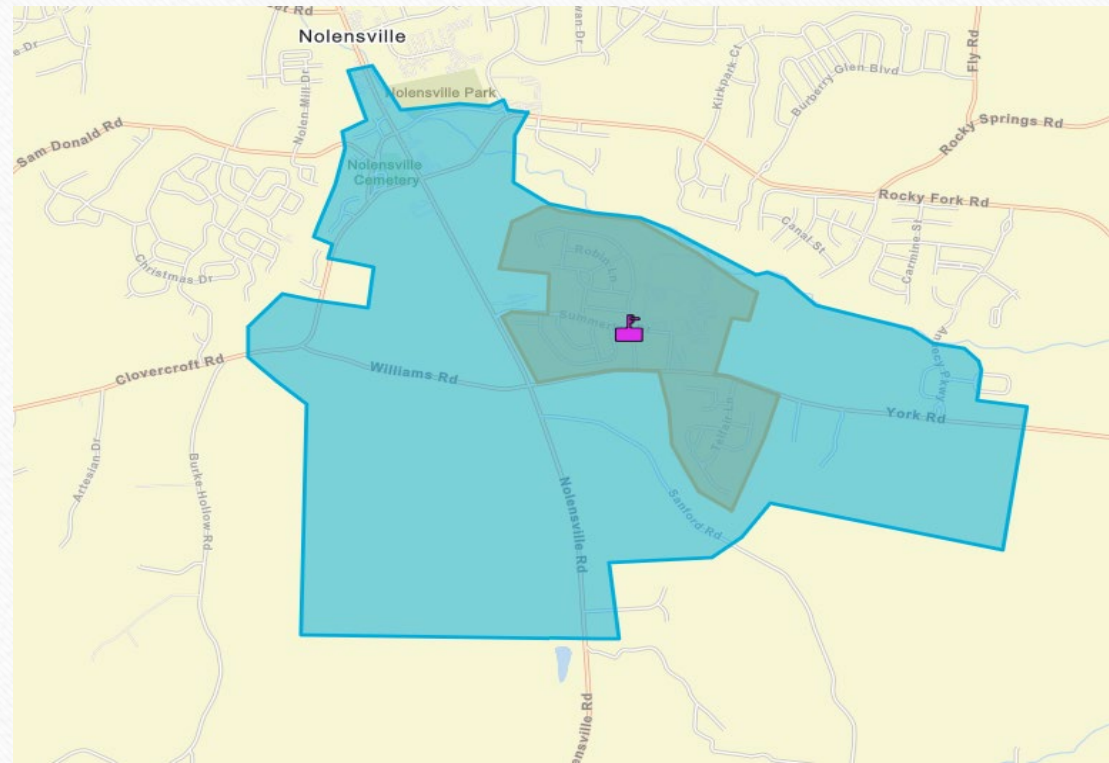
- To present to the School Board at the November 16th Work Session a pilot plan for a bus route area that includes route changes that might immediately, positively affect bus route completion times.
- Methods to be considered are:
 - Reducing bus stops inside subdivisions
 - Creating hub stops at neighborhood pools, gazebos, or playgrounds
 - Implementing a Parent Responsibility Zone

Bus Pilot Plan

- By May 2024, present to the School Board a system-wide recommendation for improving transportation service.
- The plan will incorporate all identified factors including but not limited to:
 - Data obtained in the pilot
 - Driver shortage strategies
 - External resource and stakeholder engagement

Nolensville High & Mill Creek Middle 1.5 Mile Maximum Parent Responsibility Zone vs. Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

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- For the purposes of the pilot, we do not recommend using the full zone in the middle of the school year due to parents pre-set schedules.



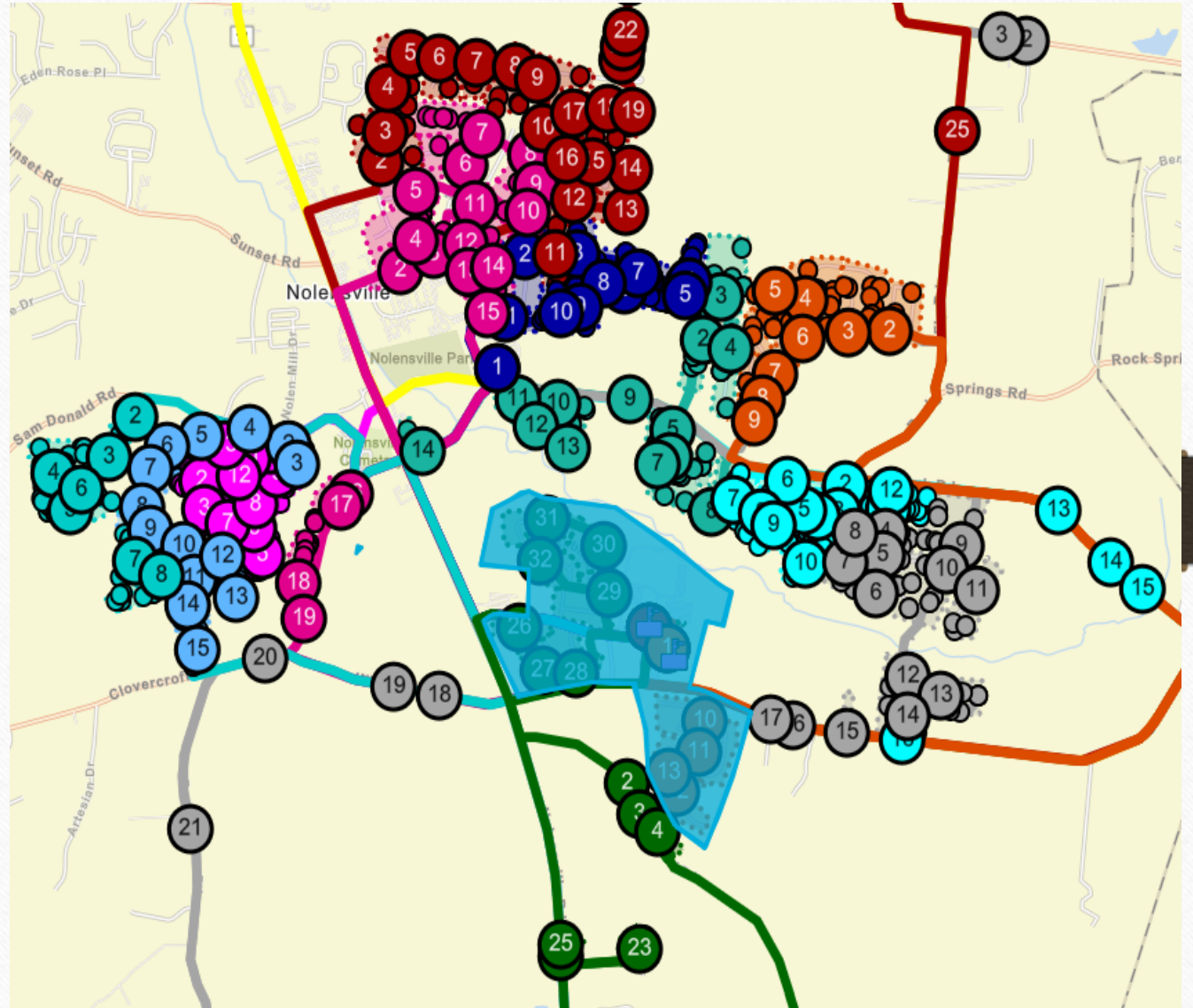
Nolensville High & Mill Creek Middle Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

Areas that would not receive
bus service in the Pilot:

Summerlyn on bus 127

Telfair on bus 115's 2nd Load

Potential Results: Buses will be
assigned new stops which
reduces route time on 2 other
buses.

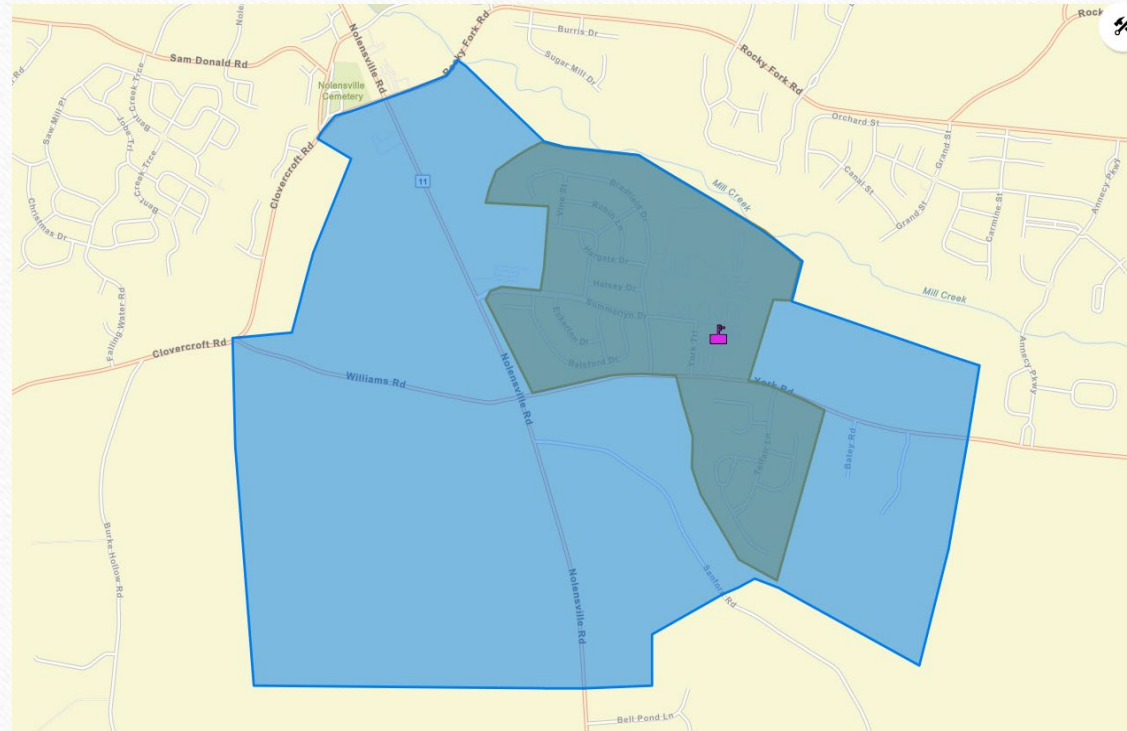


Nolensville High & Mill Creek Middle Potential Pilot Areas for Neighborhood Hub Stops

- **Annecy:** Bus 36
- **Bent Creek:** Bus 27's 1st & 2nd Loads
- **Bent Creek Reserve:** Bus 124's 2nd Load
- **Burberry Glen/Woods at Burberry Glen:** Bus 115's 2nd Load
- **Silver Stream Farms:** Bus 28's 1st Load
- **Sherwood Green:** Bus 28's 2nd Load
- **Whittmore:** Bus 28's 2nd Load

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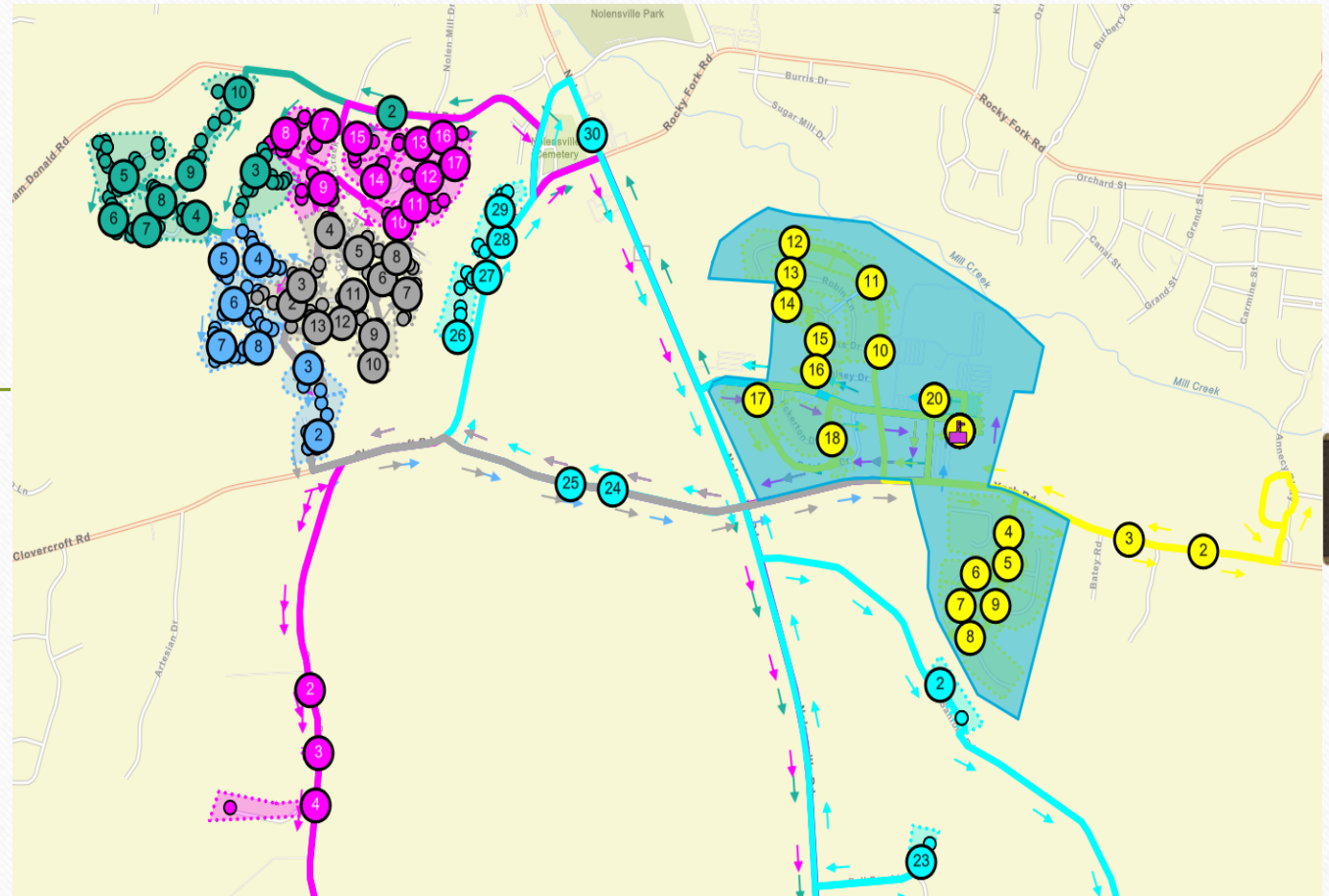


Mill Creek Elementary Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

Areas that would not receive
bus service in the Pilot:

Summerlyn and Telfair on
Bus 127's 2nd Load

Potential Results: Reduces
the number of buses with 1st
and 2nd loads to one bus.



Mill Creek Elementary Potential Pilot Areas for Neighborhood Hub Stops

- **Bent Creek:** Bus 28's 1st Load, Bus 115, Bus 127's 1st Load
- **Bent Creek Reserve:** Bus 28's 2nd Load
- **Enclave at Dove Lake:** Bus 124

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Next Steps

- **Feedback**
 - **Box for comment sheets or email: bus.pilot@wcs.edu**
- **November 16th Work Session Presentation**
- **Communicate with Families before Winter Break**
- **Implement pilot area(s) starting January 3, 2024**