

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT DISSOLUTION

- The school district decides and votes that “it is in the best interests of its students to dissolve the school district and become attached to surrounding school district”. Once this step is taken, subsequent handling of the dissolution is out of the hands of the local school district board.
- The school district board, after it has voted to dissolve, notifies the county superintendent of its decision and provides a copy of appropriate documentation.
- The county superintendent notifies the county committee and schedules a hearing on school district dissolution. If the school district lies in more than one county, a multiple county reorganization committee hearing would be scheduled.
- Appropriate public notice of the county hearing is published.
- The county committee hold the hearing, takes input from anyone who wishes to testify, and decides on a dissolution proposal.
- After the state hearing, the county committee shall order the district dissolved and its real property attached to one or more contiguous, operating school district.
- The county committee may not order the attachment of any territory unless a minor resides within the boundaries of the territory to be attached.
- The county committee may provide for an effective date other than July 1, following the State Board’s approval of the dissolution. If the county committee does not provide a different effective date, the dissolution becomes effective on July 1 following the State Board’s approval of the dissolution (assuming the State Board approves it).
- If more than one county committee is involved and the county committees cannot agree upon an order attaching the territory to adjoining districts, the county superintendent shall notify the State Board. The State Board shall conduct a public hearing and dissolve and attach the district to adjacent districts in the manner it deems appropriate.