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### A SMART MOVE FOR RESALE

Homes near well-rated schools tend to hold their value well and sell faster. That's because many families are willing to pay a premium for access to strong schooling, creating a steady demand.

Even buyers without children benefit when it's time to sell. School district rankings are one of the first things buyers check, and homes in top districts are often more resilient in market downturns.

Some neighborhoods with desirable schools may also see tighter inventory, as families stay longer to keep their kids enrolled. That can help push property values up over time.

### WHAT TO WATCH FOR

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pick-up times, and parking may be limited when events or sports games take place. Some streets have strict restrictions to manage congestion or ensure safety during school hours.

Noise is another consideration. Recess, band practice or loudspeakers during football season might be a nuisance for some homeowners.

Be sure to check boundary lines carefully. Some homes

near a school aren't technically within its zone — and district boundaries can change. Always confirm with the local district before assuming you'll be assigned to a specific school.

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### HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

#### Even Buyers Without Kids Should Pay Attention

Proximity to a well-rated school often boosts resale value and market appeal — even if you don’t have children or plan to use the local school.

**School Zone:** A school zone is a designated geographic area surrounding a public school. Homes within these zones are assigned to that school for enrollment purposes and may influence property value and buyer demand.

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