

Students

School Attendance Areas

The Board of Education shall establish attendance zones to facilitate educational programs and to use existing facilities with optimum effectiveness. The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend school attendance areas in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Safety of students;
2. Student educational needs;
3. Educational programs to be housed;
4. Optimum use of existing facilities;
5. Student residential patterns;
6. Ages of students served; and
7. Racial/ethnic/economic balance.

Although students in an attendance area may have first choice of schools in that area, the Board of Education also accepts out-of-area requests within the following guidelines:

1. Where space exists, students from other attendance areas may apply for out-of-area status.
2. Parents of students choosing out of area attendance shall provide transportation to and from school.
3. Out-of-area students must maintain good attendance, citizenship and academics to remain in a school outside of their attendance area.
4. Students entering their area school with capped enrollment may attend another district school with transportation provided.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-55](#) Students to attend regional school.

[10-226a](#) Students of racial minorities.

[10-226b](#) Existence of racial imbalance.

[10-226c](#) Plan to correct imbalance.

[10-226d](#) Approval of plan by state board.

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Among factors not generally considered as valid reasons for transfer are:

1. School of attendance of brothers, sisters, or friends.
2. Place or time of employment of parent(s) or guardian(s) or student.
3. Personal convenience of family or student.
4. A request that would undermine Board of Education redistricting policy.
5. Athletic team preference.
6. Specific school preference for personal reasons.

Additionally:

1. Any student who begins any grade in area, space permitting, shall be allowed upon written application on the “Out-of-Area” form to finish that school year in the school where he/she started that year if the family moved.
2. All out of area assignments will be granted on an annual basis only.
3. If a student is attending grade five out of area in a K-5 school, he/she will be expected to enter grade six in the school in the area of residence unless he/she requests and received approval to attend grade six out of area.
4. A student who is out of area in grade eight must attend grade nine at the in-area high school.
5. All such requests will be processed by the school administration and then submitted to the office of the Director of Human Resources for a decision.

6. A review committee composed of school administrators will meet as necessary to review all requests and grant final approval.

7. An appeal of the review committee's decision may be made to the Board of Education.

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