

## BP 5116 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

Note: All parts of this optional policy may be revised as desired.

Students who reside within district boundaries may apply for enrollment in any district school where space is available. Students shall attend school in their attendance area unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent or designee. The district will not provide transportation to schools outside of a student's attendance area.

When considering changes to school attendance boundaries, the School Board shall take into account racial and ethnic balance, educational programs, school capacities, geographic features, student safety, and transportation considerations.

Demographic changes may result in overcrowded schools or in declining enrollment. Fiscal limitations may prevent the district from opening new schools or maintaining facilities that are unused. Changes in student population cannot always be remedied by a change in school attendance boundaries. The Board shall regularly review school and district enrollments and projected enrollments and will make every effort to ensure that students will be able to attend neighborhood schools. The Board shall hold a public hearing to secure community input before approving any boundary change. State approval shall be obtained as required by law.

Note: The following optional paragraph is offered for districts that are experiencing overcrowding in district schools.

The Superintendent or designee may place some students in a school outside of their attendance area in order to alleviate overcrowding. These students shall be provided transportation to a school with adequate space. When possible, siblings will be allowed to attend the same school.

*Legal Reference:*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 05.010-4 AAC 05.090](#) *Local education*

[4 AAC 06.027](#) *Establishment of attendance areas*

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