

**Comment [KAS1]:** The policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated to delete reference to transfers pursuant to Title I covered in 6:15, *School Accountability*— such transfers are no longer required due to the repeal of NCLB by ESSA.

## Students

### Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer 1

#### Attendance Areas

The School District is divided into school attendance areas. The Superintendent will review the boundary lines annually and recommend any changes to the School Board.<sup>2</sup> The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a map of the District showing current school attendance areas. Students living in a given school attendance area will be assigned to that school.<sup>3</sup> Homeless children shall be assigned according to Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*.

#### Transfers Within the District 4

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may request a transfer for their child to a District school other than the one assigned. A request should be directed to the Superintendent, who, at his or her sole discretion, may grant the request when the parent(s)/guardian(s) demonstrate that the student could be better accommodated at another school, provided space is available. If a request is granted, the parent/guardian shall be responsible for transportation.<sup>5</sup> The provisions in this section have no applicability to transfers pursuant to: ~~(1) Title I covered in Board policy 6:15, *School Accountability*, or (2) the Unsafe School Choice Option covered in Board policy 4:170, *Safety*.~~

#### Class Assignments

The Superintendent or designee shall assign students to classes.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-21.3, 5/10-21.3a, and 5/10-22.5.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), ~~6:15 (*School Accountability*)~~, 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

~~The footnotes are not intended to be part of the adopted policy; they should be removed before the policy is adopted.~~

~~<sup>1</sup> State law requires that intra-district transfers be covered by policy and controls this policy's content (105 ILCS 5/10-21.3a).~~

~~<sup>2</sup> School attendance areas must be periodically revised, if necessary, to prevent or eliminate segregation by color, race, or nationality (105 ILCS 5/10-21.3).~~

~~<sup>3</sup> State law grants boards broad authority concerning assignment of students to schools (105 ILCS 5/10-22.5). A child is presumed to be a resident of the district in which the child's legal custodian parents, or custodial parent after a divorce, resides (105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b). The facts surrounding a transfer of custody will determine whether residency for school attendance purposes has changed. *Turner v. Board of Education North Chicago Community High School District 123*, 294 N.E.2d 264 (Ill. 1973).~~

~~<sup>4</sup> The details for intra-district transfers are determined locally; State law does not address when, or even if, intra-district transfers should be granted. See sample policy 6:15, *School Accountability*, for transfers pursuant to Title I. For districts that maintain one attendance center, delete this subhead.~~

~~<sup>5</sup> To limit the acceptable reasons supporting a transfer request, a board should consider this alternative: "...when the parent(s)/guardian(s) demonstrate that the student could be better accommodated by the educational program at another school ... ."~~