

Attendance Area Exceptions (AAE's)

In-District Elective Transfer

Attendance Zones

Board Policy 4.54.1

The Board recognizes the importance of establishing and maintaining school attendance zones within the District. The Board also believes that for these attendance zones to serve the best interests of the District and community, they must be reviewed regularly. Although these zones may change annually, to achieve these goals, the Board will review all school attendance zones within the District at a minimum of every three (3) years.

Date Adopted: 5-20-2019

Assignment of Schools

Board Policy 4.54.2

The District is divided into attendance zones that have specific boundaries. Each legal resident in an attendance area may attend the local school that serves that attendance area. However, there may be times when the administration will be forced to place students out of their normal attendance area when circumstances demand.

Additionally, at times, it may be necessary for the Board to alter the attendance areas (zones) for just and reasonable causes. Students seeking to attend a school that is not in their designated attendance area must secure approval from the Executive Director of Student Services. Any students who might transfer into the District from outside the District's boundaries will be assigned to a school by the Executive Director of Student Services.

Employees of the District may choose to have their own children attend any school in the District if space is available. Any questions about space availability will be determined by the Executive Director of Student Services. Once the school election has been made, the employee's child is expected to remain at their school of choice for one school year. All transportation responsibilities will be provided by the employee. Date Adopted: 5-20-2019

Administrative Policy for AAE's

Elementary AAE's

Traditionally issued on 4th day of school until the 20th day of the semester. AAE's will be issued the first 20 days of the second semester. All AAE's are issued based on space availability.

All elementary AAE's will be valid for one school year *as long as the student maintains good discipline and attendance. The portion in italics is no longer the practice...under Dr. Gooden a revision was made that once a student uses an AAE the student is a member of that school.*

Beginning in 2021 elementary school AAE's began on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Revised 12/1/2015

Administrative Policy for AAE's

Secondary AAE's

Secondary AAE's will be issued the first school day following Winter Break until July 1 for the following school year. Transfers may be issued after July 1, but the student will not be eligible for AAA competition for a full calendar year. AAE's will be issued for the first 20 days of each semester.

Due to high student enrollment, limits may be observed for some secondary schools.

All secondary AAE's will be valid as long as the student remains in the assigned school and *maintains good discipline and attendance. The portion in italics is no longer the practice...under Dr. Gooden a revision was made that once a student uses an AAE the student is a member of that school.*

Revised 12/1/2015

Administrative Practice for AAE's

Parents come to the office of Student Services to request AAE.

Within the time frame for allowing AAE's parents select a reason for changing attendance area:

- Transportation or After School Care
- Parental Preference
- Change of Peer Group
- Other

Parents then...

Swear/affirm that all information is true and correct

Are informed in writing...Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) July 1 deadline or ineligible

Are informed in writing...AAE's are contingent on space availability

Are informed in writing...Transportation is the sole responsibility of the parent

Elementary and Secondary AAE's - Current Submissions 2022-2023

District Wide 324 Requests AAE's K-12/October 1 K-12 Enrollment 13,829

District Wide K-12 Stated Reason for AAE Request

- Transportation - 20%
- Parental Preference - 55%
- Change of Peer Group - 5%
- Other - 20%

Secondary AAE's

Middle School AAE's available to Darby Middle School

High School AAE's available to both Northside and Southside

High School AAE's 2022-2023

	to Northside (Oct 1 Enrollment - 2433)	to Southside (Oct 1 Enrollment - 1956)
9th	58	56
10th	16	15
11th	13	10
12th	11	3
Total	98	84

	to NHS	to NHS	to NHS	to NHS	to SHS	to SHS	to SHS	to SHS
YEAR	Trans./ After School Care	Parental Preference	Change Peer Group	Other	Trans./ After School Care	Parental Preference	Change Peer Group	Other
22-23	16%	61%	9%	14%	22%	62%	4%	12%

High School AAE's 2017-2022

	to Northside (Oct 1 - Enrollment)	to Southside (Oct 1 - Enrollment)
2021-2022	187 (2497)	120 (1794)
2020-2021	91 (1826)	65 (1357)
2019-2020	161 (1820)	55 (1342)
2018-2019	119 (1691)	73 (1442)
2017-2018	138 (1725)	82 (1547)

High School AAE's 2017 - 2022: Reason for Transfer

	to NHS	to NHS	to NHS	to NHS	to SHS	to SHS	to SHS	to SHS
YEAR	Trans./ After School Care	Parental Preference	Change Peer Group	Other	Trans./ After School Care	Parental Preference	Change Peer Group	Other
21-22	19%	65%	6%	10%	18%	67%	3%	12%
20-21	19%	65%	2%	14%	9%	78%	0%	13%
19-20	10%	66%	4%	20%	9%	62%	7%	22%
18-19	15%	46%	10%	29%	18%	64%	4%	14%
17-18	13%	62%	7%	18%	11%	72%	4%	13%

High School AAE's

Upcoming 2023 - 2024 Submissions

	to Northside	to Southside
Incoming 9th	21	39

	to NHS	to NHS	to NHS	to NHS	to SHS	to SHS	to SHS	to SHS
YEAR	Trans./ After School Care	Parental Preference	Change Peer Group	Other	Trans./ After School Care	Parental Preference	Change Peer Group	Other
23-24	14%	71%	10%	5%	15%	80%	0	5%

Notes regarding 2023-2024

Trinity indicated...

43 students to NHS

30 students to SHS

Trinity Completed AAE's (3 to Northside/2 to Southside) Outside of those 5, we do not know how many of the above students actually reside in the NHS or SHS attendance zones and may be requesting AAE's

Barling...

Of the 39 students who have AAE's to attend Southside, 28 of the 39 have a Barling address. FYI 44 students in grade 8 in the district (Chaffin) have a Barling (72923) address.

NHS/SHS Enrollment by Grade Level - Adding Grade 9

Northside

Northside	NHS 9	NHS 10	NHS 11	NHS 12
21-22 (2,497)	692	581	597	627
22-23 (2,433)	634	666	560	573

Southside

Southside	SHS 9	SHS 10	SHS 11	SHS 12
21-22 (1,794)	489	469	454	382
22-23 (1,956)	585	494	456	421