

**Policy JBCCA: Assignment of Pupils**

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**Assignment to Schools**

When any **qualified** child applies or presents him/herself for enrollment in or admission to the public schools of the Jackson County School District, the School Board shall have the power and authority to designate the particular school or attendance center of the district in which such child shall be enrolled and which he/she shall attend; no enrollment of a child in a school shall be final or permanent until such designation shall be made by this school board. No child shall be entitled to attend any school or attendance center except that to which he/she has been assigned by the school board; however, the principal of a school or superintendent of the district may, in proper cases, permit a child to attend a school temporarily until a permanent assignment is made by this school board.

In making assignments of children to schools or attendance centers, this school board shall take into consideration the educational needs and welfare of the child involved, the welfare and best interest of all the pupils attending the school or schools involved, the availability of school facilities, sanitary conditions and facilities at the school or schools involved, health and moral factors at the school or schools, and in the community involved, and all other factors which the school board may consider pertinent, relevant or material in their effect on the welfare and best interest of the school district and the particular school or schools involved. All such assignments shall be on an individual basis as to the particular child involved and, in making such assignment, this school board shall not be limited or circumscribed by the boundaries of any attendance areas which may have been established by this board.

Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are instructional personnel or certificated employees of this school district may at such employee's discretion enroll and attend the school or schools of their parent's or legal guardian's choice, regardless of the residence of the child.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Except as provided in the law, no minor child may enroll in or attend any school except in the school district of his residence, unless such child be lawfully transferred from the school district of his residence to a school in another school district in accord with the statutes of this state now in effect or which may be hereafter enacted.
2. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who are certified employees of the Jackson County School District may request for their children to enroll in the school or schools of their parent's or legal guardian's choice, regardless of the residence of the child.
3. No child shall be required to be transported in excess of thirty (30) miles on a school bus from his or her home to school, or in excess of thirty (30) miles from school to his or her home, if there is another school in an adjacent school district located on a shorter school bus transportation route by the nearest traveled road. Those children residing in such geographical situations may, at the discretion of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), enroll and attend the nearest school, regardless of the residence of the child. In the event the parent or legal guardian of such child and the school board are unable to agree on the school bus mileage required to transport the child from his or her home to school, an appeal shall lie to the State Board of Education, or its designee, whose decision shall be final.