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5120 - **ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT**

The School Board directs that the assignment of students to schools within this District be consistent with the best interests of students and the best use of the resources of this District.

The Superintendent shall periodically review existing attendance areas and recommend to the Board such changes as may be justified by considerations of safe student transportation and travel; and financial and administrative efficiency.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board shall determine periodically the school attendance areas of the District and shall expect the students within each area to attend the school so designated. The Board shall adhere to the rule-making requirements set forth in Bylaw 0131 and F.S. Chapter 120 when creating or revising school attendance boundaries.

No assignment to schools or attendance schedules shall discriminate against students on the basis of ~~race, race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation, transgender status, or gender identity), disability (including HIV, AIDS, or sickle cell trait), pregnancy, marital status, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information which are classes protected by State and/or Federal law (collectively "protected classes")~~ ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or age.

The parent of siblings who are assigned to the same grade level and school may request that the school place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate classrooms. This request must be made no later than five (5) days before the first day of school each school year or five (5) days after the first day of attendance of the students if the students are enrolled in school after the school year commences. The school is not required to meet the request if there is factual evidence indicating a specific placement is better for the student than that requested by the parent.

~~The Superintendent may assign a student to a school other than that designated by the attendance area when such exception is justified by circumstances and is in the best interest of the student.~~

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Wherever possible and advisable in the interests of the students, siblings shall be assigned to the same school campus. ~~building.~~

~~The Superintendent shall assign incoming transfer students to such schools, grades, and classes as may afford each student the greatest likelihood of realizing fullest educational potential.~~

The principal shall assign students in his/her school to appropriate grades, classes, or groups. This action shall be based on consideration of the needs of the student as well as the administration of the school.

Request For School Choice

The Board shall establish and designate school attendance areas for determining school assignments for students who live and reside in the District. Principals shall accept only those students who reside in the attendance area as established by the Board provided, however the Superintendent may approve assignment of a student to another attendance area based on the District Controlled Choice Plan.

No student shall be permitted to transfer, enroll, or be admitted to the District when s/he has been expelled from another school district. This prohibition shall be effective from the period of time in which the student was expelled from the out-of-county school district. Students shall be accorded the same appeals procedure which is available to District students.

Any student whose legal residence in Florida is outside the boundaries of Monroe County may not be enrolled in any District school without the approval of the Superintendent.

No student shall be permitted to cross district lines for the purpose of attending school in the District or outside the District, except under written agreement.

Students shall not be enrolled in the District's regular programs when they have been:

- A. expelled from other schools or school districts into an alternative education program; or
- B. withdrawn from a school in lieu of receiving discipline for an offense described above; or,
- C. convicted of possession or distribution of narcotics, marijuana or other harmful drugs or weapons.

Waiver of Attendance Area

A student may be permitted to attend a school other than the school serving the parents' residential area by completing and submitted a Waiver of Attendance Area Request for Out-of-Area Assignment Form. Requests for an out-of-area assignment are separate from controlled open enrollment placement decisions as set forth in Policy 5121 - Controlled Open Enrollment. Out-of-area assignment requests must be based on the following:

1. severe health problems of the student; and/or
2. other extraordinary hardships that would require a student to be placed in a school other than the school serving the parents' residential area.
- 3.

The Superintendent shall approve or disapprove out-of-area assignment requests. The Superintendent's decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps

A student may also be permitted to attend another public high school in the District if the student wishes to participate in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) and their public high school does not operate a unit of JROTC. In making their determination, the Superintendent must consider:

- A. whether the high school the student attends offers a JROTC program;
- B. whether the student meets the JROTC minimum enrollment qualifications; or
- C. whether the student's course schedule allows the student to attend the JROTC program at another public high school.

~~Nonresident Students~~

~~Students who are not residents of Monroe County may attend the District's schools upon compliance with Florida laws governing admission of students to the schools of the State. Such students may be assigned to schools by the Superintendent.~~

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