

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS**

The Superintendent will make recommendations to the Board on the maintenance or alteration of established attendance areas. All modifications or alterations in attendance areas must be approved by the Board.

**FACTORS IN CREATING/MAINTAINING ATTENDANCE AREAS**

In acting to establish, modify, or alter attendance areas, the Board will give priority consideration to the operational needs of the school system, demographic data, and the impact on educational programs. Any recommendation for establishment or alteration of attendance areas should include an analysis and justification based on these factors. Students are required to attend the school designated for the attendance area in which the student resides.

Should a student's family move to another school attendance area within the District during the school year, the student may remain in the school of original attendance for the remainder of the school year if it is in the best interest of the student as determined by the Principal(s) after considering input from the instructional staff and the parents. In this case parents are responsible for transportation of their child to and from school. In the next school year, the student will be required to attend the school designated for the attendance area in which the student resides.

**REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS TO ATTENDANCE AREAS**

As a general rule, a student shall attend the school designated for the attendance area in which the student resides. A student and/or his or her parents may request an exception to this general rule in writing in the form and manner set forth herein and in JC-E. Exceptions to this general rule are discouraged. Exceptions will only be granted when necessary for the educational needs or health and safety of the student. Exceptions will not be made for the convenience of the parents of the student or because of the location of the student's day care provider or preschool.

The decision as to whether to grant an exception shall be made by the Assistant Superintendent in consultation with the Superintendent.

Should a student/parent believe that the decision by District administrators with regard to their request for an exception is in violation of this policy, the student/parents may present their complaint to the Board in the manner provided for in Level IV of Policy JII (Student Grievance Procedure).

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