

# **ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS**

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## **GENERAL PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the most efficient and effective assignment of the District's students to the elementary schools.

## **GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

1. A student's residence, for the purpose of school assignment, shall be considered to be that of the residence of the parents/legal guardians.
2. The school board expects that students will attend those schools which officially serve the attendance zone in which they reside unless permission to attend elsewhere in the District has been granted by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

## **ATTENDANCE ZONES**

1. Attendance zones for elementary schools in the District shall be established by the Superintendent, based upon recommendations made by personnel in the Transportation Office and by the Director of Elementary Education.
2. Attendance zones may be changed for good cause in order to provide for balanced school or class loads.
3. Students shall attend the school serving their place of residence, or as assigned by the Superintendent or his/her designee under the exceptions listed in this policy.
4. The Superintendent or his/her designee may:
  - a. assign a student with disabilities to other attendance zones for special education services;
  - b. require students from one attendance area to be assigned to a school in another attendance zone to balance enrollments in District school classrooms, or to place students in appropriate programs.
5. All students who enroll after the last day of school and students currently enrolled who return to that school five or more days after the start of the school year without informing the school before the first day of school of their late return may be assigned to another school for the purpose of balancing enrollments.

## **SCHOOL CHOICE**

Any parent who wishes to enroll a student in a school outside of the attendance zone in which they would otherwise attend may make a school choice application in accordance with board regulation JECA-R. School choice to another attendance zone school may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee in accordance with board regulation JECA-R.

## **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

1. The District will provide transportation:
  - a. to schools outside of a student's attendance zone in cases pertaining to the welfare of special education students and according to the determination of their Individual Educational Plan (IEP);
  - b. for homeless students;
  - c. for students transferring into a school under the No Child Left Behind legislation; and
  - d. for students assigned to schools for purposes of balancing enrollments.
2. The District will not provide transportation to schools outside of a student's attendance zone for parent-initiated school choice.

## **DETERMINATION OF STUDENT RESIDENCE**

Except as set forth below, the residence of the student is defined as the domicile of the student's parent or legal guardian. Exceptions include:

1. students residing with a Seaford School District-approved relative caregiver;
2. homeless students as defined by the McKenney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
3. students who are required to and/or will become eligible to attend Seaford School District schools are to register for assignment at the appropriate school in the attendance area in which they will reside.

## **VIOLATIONS**

If it is discovered that a parent/guardian has used an address other than his/her legal residence to enroll a student, or withheld information concerning the legal residence to avoid the student changing schools, the student may, at the discretion of school officials, be immediately transferred to the appropriate school.

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