

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Background

The Division shall establish attendance areas for effective use of school facilities and for transportation purposes. The Division believes it is desirable to maintain attendance area boundaries in order to ensure the program viability of existing schools in their respective communities.

Procedures

1. Attendance areas shall be established for all Division schools.
2. Students shall provide the school with the legal land description or address of their residence.
3. Students may be directed to attend a school other than a student's designated school, outside the attendance area, where the educational needs of a special needs student cannot be met in the designated school and the prospective and receiving school has appropriate and available accommodation. Application is made to the Director or designate.
4. Where a parent wishes to have a child attend a school other than their local school and outside the attendance area in which they reside, they shall be directed to the Director or designate.
5. Permission to attend a school other than the designated school and outside the attendance area shall be granted where educational needs of the student can be met in the local school provided the parents provide their own transportation and provided there is appropriate and available accommodation.
 - 5.1 The Director or designate shall review the request received. These factors may be considered:
 - 5.1.1 size of class to receive transfer
 - 5.1.2 reasons for the request
 - 5.1.3 attendance record
 - 5.1.4 ability to provide program needs
 - 5.1.5 transportation services
6. Direction to attend an out-of-area school shall continue from year to year provided that the conditions under which the direction was granted continue to exist.
 - 6.1 Where the conditions under which direction was granted cease to exist, the direction to attend an out-of-area school is immediately revoked.

- 6.2 Principals are responsible for advising the Director or designate whenever an out-of-area student ceases to meet the conditions for continued enrollment.
7. When a student has been accepted into a school of choice, the student must be allowed to continue to the highest grade offered at the school.

Legal Reference: Section 85, 87, 108, 109, 156, 175, 194, Education Act