

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS

Generally, students will be required to attend school in the attendance area in which they reside, unless the Superintendent has granted special permission.

Special permission may be granted for the following reasons:

1. If the change involves a hardship case or if there are medical considerations.
2. If the change appears to be in the interests of the child, of the schools, or for disciplinary and administrative reasons.
3. If the legal residence of a child changes from one attendance area to another during the school year and the parents/guardians wish the child to remain in his former school; permission will not extend beyond the current school year.
4. To permit school students to take courses not offered in their assigned schools.

School bus transportation will not be provided for students attending schools outside their attendance area unless they can be accommodated on existing bus routes and schedules or a hardship is involved; or unless specific permission is granted by the Superintendent or designee. Individual school attendance areas are established by the office of the Superintendent of Schools and may be changed as population warrants or capacities of buildings require adjustment of student loads. Redistricting for the purpose of equitable distribution of students based on the capacity of each school building may be implemented by the Superintendent with the approval of the School Committee.

The Superintendent shall establish guidelines for administration of this policy that include a number of students for each class at each grade level below which intra-district applicants may be accepted by the Principal.

The first consideration will be student-teacher ratios. The following average class size targets, by grade level, have been established by the School Committee and will be used by the Superintendent to determine the number of additional students that can be accommodated.

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| Kindergarten | 20 |
| Grade 1 | 20 |
| Grade 2 | 20 |
| Grade 3 | 20 |
| Grade 4 | 20 |

Acceptance: Applications will be accepted each year beginning June 15th. Children will be accepted by order on a waiting list during the last week of August of the school year in question. Once a child is accepted, it becomes a permanent assignment. Transportation must be provided in a timely manner or transfer may be rescinded.



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CROSS REF.: JC, Attendance Areas

NOTE: The cross reference is to a related category in the NEPN classification system.

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