*Policy*

**ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS**

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The district will assign students to attend the school that serves as their legal residence as determined by the board for the current school year. The superintendent or his/her designee may make special exceptions. Examples of such exceptions that may necessitate reassignment include, but are not limited, to:

* The existence of exceptional hardships, medical or legal considerations, or significant educational needs
* A need to act in the best interest of the student, or school, for disciplinary or administrative reasons
* To permit high school students to take courses not offered in their assigned schools in advancement of their post-secondary goals
* To accommodate staff members of the district by allowing their children or wards to attend schools in the attendance area in which their parent/legal guardian is employed

If the legal residence of a student changes during the school year, the student will be reassigned to the school that corresponds with their new address. Requests for exceptions will be made to the superintendent and factors will include space available and the educational needs of the student. Any exception granted will not extend beyond the current school year.

The district will permit eligible students with disabilities to attend school in another attendance area if facilities within the attendance area where they reside do not house needed special education programs.

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 the reassignment occurs to address a student’s special education needs and services.

Cf. JFABC

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-19-90(9) - Authority of board to transfer and assign students.
2. Section 59-63-32 - Requirements to enroll students; penalties for providing false information.
3. Section 59-63-250 - Transfer of students in lieu of suspension or expulsion.
4. Section 59-63-470 - Transfer of students when enrollment threatens to disturb peace.

B. Federal Cases:

1. *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1*, 551 U.S. 701 (2007).