



STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance

School Attendance Areas

The Board of Education will establish geographical attendance areas for each school and keep records thereof in accordance with the Public School Laws of Maryland.

In order to use efficiently the facilities available, it is necessary to control the student population by careful school districting. For this reason, school boundaries shall be described in detail and approved by the Board of Education. Whenever a new school is built, or a school is closed, appropriate attendance areas shall be outlined in order to relieve the surrounding schools of being overcrowded, while at the same time making provision for safe, efficient, adequate, and economical school transportation service.

The Board of Education recognizes that circumstances may arise which will cause parents or guardians to request permission for a student to attend a school other than the school within the attendance area in which the student resides. The Superintendent of Schools has delegated the responsibility of determining if the transfer should be granted to the principal of the requested school. The requested school principal has the responsibility and the authority to make the decisions and implement the transfer.

Decisions to review special permission transfers will be based upon the circumstances involved and the information and recommendations received from various sources. A special transfer represents an opportunity for a student to benefit from attendance at a school other than the one zoned for his/her domicile. Special transfers are intended to provide for those students who can benefit from a change of schools, but without disrupting the educational opportunities of students at the newly assigned school. The special transfer of a student may be reviewed and/or revoked.

Legal Reference: Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article Section 4-109
Establishment of public schools

Also See: Boundary Change Practices
Policy 3410, NON-INSTRUCTION SERVICES:
Transportation Services

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