

DIVISION ATTENDANCE AREAS

Background

The Division expects students to attend their local school if they require system transportation.

The Division shall establish attendance areas for transportation purposes and for effective use of school facilities.

The Division believes responsibility for busing students to and from the local school within specific attendance boundaries rests with the Division. The Division expects parents to provide their own transportation when students attend a school, other than their local school, outside their attendance area, except in situations where the educational needs of the student cannot be met in the local school.

The Division further 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. Students shall attend their local school if they require system transportation.
2. Attendance areas shall be established for all Division schools.
3. Students shall provide the school with the legal land description or address of their residence.
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 apply to the Superintendent.
5. Permission to attend a school other than a student's local school, outside the attendance area, shall be granted with approval of the Superintendent where the educational needs of the student cannot be met in the local school and the prospective and receiving school has appropriate and available accommodation. Transportation will be provided if available.
6. Permission to attend a school other than the local 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.
7. Unless otherwise specified, permission to attend an out-of-area school shall continue from year to year provided that the conditions under which the permission was granted continues to exist.
 - 7.1 Where the conditions under which permission was granted cease to exist, the permission to attend an out-of-area school is immediately revoked.
 - 7.2 Principals are responsible for advising the Superintendent whenever an out-of-area student ceases to meet the conditions for continued enrollment.