

Students

School Enrollment Zones

The Board shall establish, and occasionally change as it deems necessary in the educational interests of the school district, school enrollment zones to facilitate educational programs and to use existing facilities with optimum effectiveness. The Superintendent shall recommend school enrollment zones, and changes thereto, including new construction, in accordance with the following:

- A. General Criteria
 - 1. Safety of students;
 - 2. Student educational needs;
 - 3. Location of regular and special education programs;
 - 4. Optimum use of existing facilities;
 - 5. Student residential patterns and school enrollments (Pre-K school enrollment need not factor into this policy);
 - 6. Ages of students served;
 - 7. Racial/ethnic balance;
 - 8. Transportation.
- B. New construction need not default to an established school enrollment zone.
- C. School(s) refers to District Elementary Schools.

The Superintendent or his/her designee may assign students within established enrollment zones to schools outside those zones based on:

- A. Safety of students;
- B. Student educational needs;
- C. Location of regular and special education programs;
- D. Optimum use of existing facilities;
- E. Student residential patterns and school enrollments (Pre-K school enrollment need not factor in to this policy);
- F. Ages of students served;
- G. Transportation.

Students attending a school prior to January 1, 2018 will not be reassigned to a school outside their established enrollment zone, unless mutually agreed to by the parents/guardians and the Superintendent.

Students with sibling(s) attending a school will be assigned to the same school, unless mutually agreed to by the parents/guardians and the Superintendent.

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Parents/guardians of children may express to the Superintendent a school preference outside their established school zone, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the Superintendent on an annual basis in accordance with the General Criteria established above. The Superintendent will give preference to students being assigned to their established school enrollment zone and remaining in that school once assigned. Parents/guardians of children who are assigned outside of their established enrollment zone based solely on an expressed school preference are responsible for the student's transportation.

The Superintendent's decision on all student school assignments is final.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-55 Pupils to attend regional school.

10-226a Pupils of racial minorities.

10-226b Existence of racial imbalance. 10-226c Plan to correct imbalance.

10-226d Approval of plan by state board.

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