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The district's schools are populated in accordance with attendance areas established by the Board of Education.

Attendance Areas Variance

Attendance area variances and extensions will be granted only if the student resides within walking distance of the school of desired attendance and if such variances do not negatively affect the equitable distribution to students of the district's resources and facilities.

After August 9, 1999, no new applications for attendance area variances will be accepted. Applications pending as of August 9, 1999, will be acted upon by the Board prior to the start of the 1999/2000 school year. Thereafter, no initial attendance area variances will be granted. Students currently in a school on an attendance area variance may annually apply for an extension. Also, siblings of students who are currently in a school on an attendance area variance may annually apply for attendance area variances to that school.

Relocation Variance

1. Parents whose relocation within the district after the first day of school would result in their children changing schools may apply for a relocation variance to continue for the remainder of that school year in the school in which they began the year.
2. Parents, who have signed a contract to buy, build or lease a residence after the beginning of the school year which would result in their children changing schools may apply for a relocation variance to begin the school year in the school designated for the area into which they will relocate.
3. Traumatic medical reason documented by a doctor.
4. Student is in the last year of the school in which they are requesting to remain.

Criteria for the approval of a relocation variance is the same as for attendance area variances except that variances may be granted for students who do not reside within walking distance of the school of desired attendance.



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Relocation variances for students who live beyond walking distance will be granted if all other criteria are met only if the parents agree to transport the student. If during the school year transportation is no longer provided by the parents, the relocation variance will be rescinded and the student placed in the school designated for that attendance area.

Transportation may be obtained for students with an approved variance based on the following guidelines:

1. Seats must be available on an existing route within close proximity to the student's residence address.
2. There would be no stop changes or route changes. The student would have to go to an assigned bus stop on an existing bus route.
3. Transportation may be discontinued at any time during the school year if the seat is needed for an eligible student within the school attendance area.
4. Variance students requesting transportation to and or from a child care provider must meet the requirements for the school of attendance.

Students in a school on a relocation variance will not be permitted to apply for an attendance area variance upon the expiration of the relocation variance.

Relocation variances will be granted only if such variances do not negatively affect the equitable distribution to students of the district's resources and facilities.

At the end of the year in which the relocation occurs, the student will be assigned to the school designated for that attendance area.

Walking distance is defined by State Statute and Administrative Code as less than two miles for elementary pupils (grades kindergarten through eight), except for educationally disabled pupils.

All attendance area variances in place at the time that the school district makes changes to the kindergarten through five attendance areas will be eliminated and no new requests for variances will be accepted.



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