

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Background

The Division strives to provide an appropriate education to students within the Division and within designated attendance areas.

The Board has retained in Policy 17, Transportation the authority to determine attendance areas and transportation service areas for each school and any adjustments to these. In specific circumstances the Division may approve the provision of educational services outside of an attendance area.

Procedures

1. When a parental request is received to accept a student from outside an attendance area, the receiving and sending principals make a collaborate decision. Should there not be agreement between the two principals, the matter shall be referred to their superintendents.

A transfer may occur when:
 - The receiving school has space in the classroom/grade required;
 - The receiving school is able to provide the program and services required;
2. Transportation may be provided by the division if the designated pick-up and drop-off location is in the receiving school's attendance area and significant bus route alteration would not be required. In all other circumstances, the parent provides any necessary transportation to and from school.
3. When a parental request is received to accept a student from outside the division, the receiving principal makes the decision based on the following criteria:
 - The receiving school has space in the classroom/grade required;
 - The receiving school is able to provide the program and services required;
 - The parent provides any necessary transportation to and from school;
 - The admission of the student is compliant with Administrative Procedures 347, 715 and other applicable administrative procedures.

Reference: Section 85, 87, 109, 156, 175, 194, 196, *The Education Act, 1995*

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