

# Board Policy

Code No. 501.5

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Attendance areas and boundaries for each school in this district shall be established upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approval of the Board of Directors.

Parents or guardians of siblings in the same grade level academically in grades kindergarten through grade five may request the siblings be placed in the same or different classrooms. In order to be valid, the request must be made in writing and submitted to the school principal at the time of registration for classes, or within fourteen days after the children's first day of attendance during the school year. If a valid request is received by the school principal, the request must be honored. While a parent or guardian may make a placement request that siblings be placed together or apart, the district administration retains complete discretion to select the classroom teacher(s) to which siblings are assigned. If after the initial grading period following the placement of siblings in the same or different classrooms the school principal determines the placement is disruptive to the class; the principal may assign one or more of the siblings to different classrooms.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation to the board regarding the assigned attendance center for each student. In making the recommendation, the superintendent will consider the geographical layout of the school district, the condition and location of the school district facilities, the actual and potential location of student population, possible transportation challenges, financial condition of the school district and other factors deemed relevant by the superintendent or the board.

The right to transfer students to equalize learning opportunities shall be reserved by the Superintendent as designated by the Board of Directors.

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