

## 432 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of parental involvement in the education of the students of the District. That involvement is recognized to include determining to which school in the District a child shall attend.

The Board of Education will establish school boundaries for each elementary and junior high school. Such boundaries are established in order to maintain accessible, equal educational opportunity for education, and in order to be able to staff and program each school appropriately. Such boundaries shall be prepared by members of the administrative staff designated by the superintendent of Schools.

All children grades K through 9, living within the designated boundary lines of a given elementary or junior high school, must attend this given school unless a written exception is granted.

Exceptions may be made to the District Superintendent or persons designated by the Superintendent. Such exceptions may be made in order:

1. To equalize pupil-teacher ratio among given schools.
2. To provide especially designed instructional programs, or to meet specific educational or social needs, which cannot be effectively met otherwise.
3. To permit a pupil to complete the school year in the given school in which the pupil is enrolled at the time of change of residence. Transportation in cases of this nature will be provided by the parent or guardian.
4. To permit a pupil to enroll in a given school where it is known the pupil will become a resident within a period not to exceed 45 school days. Transportation will be provided by the parent or guardian of the pupil granted this exception.
5. To accommodate family concerns such as child care.

All requests for exceptions to attendance boundaries must be made in writing to the Director of Human Resources. Such requests must be made on an annual basis. Approvals will be based on class size(s) at the requested school and on student attendance and behavior records in school and on school approved activities, including bus transportation. Exceptions will not be approved if such approval will result in additional costs relating to staffing or transportation.

Once permission for a boundary exception has been granted, the same provision will be granted to other family members.

When a boundary exception at parent request is permitted, transportation will be provided by the parent or guardian of the pupil granted this exception, either privately or by purchasing bussing services from the district under the administrative non-mandated bus guidelines.

If objection on the part of a parent or guardian is such that it is felt serious contingencies need exploration, the parent or guardian may appeal their request for an exception to the Superintendent, and subsequently to the Board of Education.

LEGAL REF.: Section 121.545 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS REF.: 343.2, Class Size

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