## Students

## **School Attendance Areas**

The Board of Education shall establish attendance zones to facilitate educational programs and to use existing facilities with optimum effectiveness. The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend school attendance areas in accordance with the following criteria:

- 1. Safety of students;
- 2. Student educational needs;
- 3. Educational programs to be housed;
- 4. Optimum use of existing facilities;
- 5. Student residential patterns;
- 6. Ages of students served;
- 7. Racial/ethnic balance.

All students will annually be assigned to the school attendance area in which they live.

## Attendance Outside of Assigned Area

Parents wishing to have their children attend a school other than the one in the area in which they are living must file a request, in writing, to the Building Principal. These requests will be kept on file until after the opening day of school. At that time permission or refusal will be based on whether or not:

- 1. There is room within the grade and/or school which the parent has requested.
- 2. Parents will be responsible for transportation.
- 3. The request is justified by good and sufficient (educational or medical) reason. Supportive data such as recommendations from professional sources must be provided by the parent(s) or guardian(s).

Such permission, if granted, shall be given annually.

Transportation to another attendance area will be the responsibility of the parents.

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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