

Lower Merion School District

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I. ATTENDANCE AREAS

The elementary, middle and high school attendance areas for the District established pursuant to Board Policy 206 are as follows:

BELMONT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the Schuylkill River and the Green Lane Bridge, then south along the middle of Belmont Avenue to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road, then southwest along the rear property lines of the properties located on the south side of Rock Hill Road to a point in the middle of Conshohocken State Road, then west along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Conshohocken State Road and Manayunk Road, then south along the middle of Manayunk Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Manayunk Road and Standish Road, then southwest along the middle of Standish Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Standish Road and Hamilton Road, then along the middle of Hamilton Road to a point adjacent to the property line of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then northeast along the east boundary of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, northwest and west along the rear of the properties located on the north side of Hamilton Road, including the property located at 603 Revere Road, to a point in the middle of Revere Road, then south along the middle of Revere Road to a point adjacent to the northwest curb line of Maplewood Ave., then southwest along the northwest curb line of Maplewood Ave. to a point where the boundary of General Wayne Park ends, then along the rear property line of the properties located on the west side of Maplewood Ave. to a point in the middle of Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Avenue, then southwest along the middle of Haverford Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Avenue and North Wynnewood Avenue, then northwest along the middle of North Wynnewood Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, then north along the middle of Woodbine Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and Conshohocken

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State Road, then west along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Mill Creek Road, then north along the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Mill Creek Road to a point in the middle of the Schuylkill River, then east along the middle of the Schuylkill River to the starting point.

CYNWYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the Schuylkill River and the Green Lane Bridge, then southwest along the middle of Belmont Avenue to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road, then west along the rear property lines of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road to a point in the middle of Conshohocken State Road, then west along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Conshohocken State Road and Manayunk Road, then south along the middle of Manayunk Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Manayunk Road and Standish Road, then southwest along the middle of Standish to a point in the center of the intersection of Standish Road and Hamilton Road, then along the middle of Hamilton Road to a point adjacent to the property line of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then northeast along the east boundary of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then north and west along the rear of the properties located on the north side of Hamilton Road, including the property located at 603 Revere Road, to a point in the middle of Revere Road, then south along the middle of Revere Road to a point adjacent to the north curb line of Maplewood Ave., then southwest along the north curb line of Maplewood Ave. to a point where the boundary of General Wayne Park ends, then along the rear property line of the properties located on the northwest side of Maplewood Ave. to a point in the middle of Montgomery Avenue, then southeast along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Bryn Mawr Avenue, then south along the middle of Bryn Mawr Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Bryn Mawr Avenue and City Avenue, then east along the middle of City Avenue to a point in the middle of the City Avenue Bridge, then northwest along the middle of the Schuylkill River to the starting point.

GLADWYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

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Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins at a point in the center of the intersection of County Line Road and Matsons Ford Road, then northeast along the middle of Matsons Ford Road to the center of the intersection of Dehaven Avenue and Matsons Ford Road, then along the westernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to a point in the middle of the Schuylkill River adjacent to Conshohocken, then east and southeast along the middle of the Schuylkill River to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Mill Creek Road, then south along the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Mill Creek Road to a point in the middle of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Old Gulph Road, then west along the middle of Old Gulph Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Old Gulph Road and Mill Creek Road, then southwest along the middle of Mill Creek Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Grays Lane, then southwest along the middle of Grays Lane to a point in the center of the intersection of Grays Lane and Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Station Road, then south along the middle of Haverford Station Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Station Road and Lancaster Avenue, then east along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to a point adjacent to the easternmost boundary of Haverford College, then southwest along the easternmost boundary of Haverford College to the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township, then northwest along the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to the starting point.

MERION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Avenue, then southwest along the middle of Haverford Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Avenue and North Wynnewood Avenue, then south along the middle of North Wynnewood Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and East Wynnewood Road, then southwest along the middle of East Wynnewood Road to a point in the center of the intersection of East Wynnewood Road and Lancaster Avenue, then southeast along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and City Avenue, then east along the middle of City Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of City Avenue and Bryn Mawr Avenue, then northwest along the middle of Bryn Mawr Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Bryn Mawr Avenue and

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Montgomery Avenue, then west and northwest along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to the starting point.

PENN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins at a point in the center of the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and East Wynnewood Road, then northwest along the middle of North Wynnewood Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, then north along the middle of Woodbine Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and Conshohocken State Road, then northwest along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the south side of Mill Creek Road, then southwest along the rear property line of the properties located on the south side of Mill Creek Road to a point in the middle of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Old Gulph Road, then west along the middle of Old Gulph Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Old Gulph Road and Mill Creek Road, then south along the middle of Mill Creek Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Grays Lane, then southwest along the middle of Grays Lane to a point in the center of the intersection of Grays Lane and Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Station Road, then southwest along the middle of Haverford Station Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Station Road and Lancaster Avenue, then east along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and Cricket Avenue, then southwest along the middle of Cricket Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Cricket Avenue and County Line Road, then southeast along the middle of County Line Road to a point in the center of the intersection of County Line Road and West Wynnewood Road, then east along the middle of West Wynnewood Road and East Wynnewood Road to the starting point.

PENN WYNNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and West Wynnewood Road, then southwest and west

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along the middle of West Wynnewood Road to the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township, then southeast along the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to a point in the center of City Avenue, then east along the middle of City Avenue to a point in the center .of the intersection of City Avenue and Lancaster Avenue, then northwest along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to the starting point.

Also, students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the middle of Lancaster Avenue and a point adjacent to the easternmost boundary of Haverford College, then southwest along the easternmost boundary line of Haverford College to the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township, then southeast along the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to a point in the center of the intersection of County Line Road and Cricket Avenue, then east along the middle of Cricket Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Cricket Avenue and Lancaster Avenue, then northwest along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to the starting point.

BALA CYNWYD MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the Schuylkill River and the Green Lane Bridge, then southwest along the middle of Belmont Avenue to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road, then southwest along the rear property lines of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road to a point in the middle of Conshohocken State, then west along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Conshohocken State Road and Manayunk Road, then south along the middle of Manayunk Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Manayunk Road and Standish Road, then southwest along the middle of Standish Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Standish Road and Hamilton Road, then along the middle of Hamilton Road to a point adjacent to the property line of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then northeast along the east boundary of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then north and west along the rear of the properties located on the north side of Hamilton Road, including the property located at 603 Revere Road, to a point in the middle of Revere Road, then south along the middle of Revere Road to a point adjacent to the north curb line of Maplewood Avenue, then southwest along the north curb line of Maplewood Avenue to a point where the boundary of General Wayne Park ends, then along the rear property line of the properties located on the northwest side of Maplewood Avenue to a point in the middle of Montgomery Avenue, then east along the

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middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Avenue, then southwest along the middle of Haverford Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Avenue and North Wynnewood Avenue, then south along the middle of North Wynnewood Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and East Wynnewood Road, then southwest along the middle of East Wynnewood Road to a point in the center of the intersection of East Wynnewood Road and East Lancaster Avenue, then east on Lancaster Avenue to a point in the center of City Avenue, then east along the middle of City Avenue to a point in the middle of the City Avenue Bridge, then northwest along the middle of the Schuylkill River to the starting point.

BLACK ROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins at a point in the center of the intersection of County Line Road and Matsons Ford Road, then northeast along the middle of Matsons Ford Road to the center of the intersection of Dehaven Avenue and Matsons Ford Road, then along the westernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to a point in the middle of the Schuylkill River adjacent to Conshohocken, then east and southeast along the middle of the Schuylkill River to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Mill Creek Road, then south along the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Mill Creek Road to a point in the middle of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Old Gulph Road, then west along the middle of Old Gulph Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Old Gulph Road and Mill Creek Road, then southwest along the middle of Mill Creek Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Grays Lane, then southwest along the middle of Grays Lane to a point in the center of the intersection of Grays Lane and Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Station Road, then south along the middle of Haverford Station Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Station Road and Lancaster Avenue, then east along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and Cricket Avenue, then west along the middle of Cricket Avenue to the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township, then northwest along the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to the starting point.

Also, students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and West Wynnewood Road, then southwest

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and west along the middle of West Wynnewood Road to the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township, then southeast along the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to a point in the center of City Avenue, then east along the middle of City Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of City Avenue and Lancaster Avenue, then northwest along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to the starting point.

WELSH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the Schuylkill River and the Green Lane Bridge, then southwest along the middle of Belmont Avenue to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road, then southwest along the rear property lines of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road to a point in the middle of Conshohocken State Road, then west along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Conshohocken State Road and Manayunk Road, then south along the middle of Manayunk Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Manayunk Road and Standish Road, then southwest along the middle of Standish Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Standish Road and Hamilton Road, then along the middle of Hamilton Road to a point adjacent to the property line of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then northeast along the east boundary of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then north and west along the rear of the properties located on the north side of Hamilton Road, including the property located at 603 Revere Road, to a point in the middle of Revere Road, then south along the middle of Revere Road to a point adjacent to the north curb line of Maplewood Avenue, then southwest along the north curb line of Maplewood Avenue to a point where the boundary of General Wayne Park ends, then along the rear property line of the properties located on the northwest side of Maplewood Avenue to a point in the middle of Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Avenue, then southwest along the middle of Haverford Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Avenue and North Wynnewood Avenue, then south along the middle of North Wynnewood Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and East Wynnewood Road, then west along the center of East Wynnewood Road and West Wynnewood Road to a point in the center of the intersection of West Wynnewood Road and County Line Road, then west along the middle of County Line Road to a point in the center of the intersection of County Line Road and Cricket Avenue, then east along the middle of Cricket Avenue to a point in the center of the

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intersection of Cricket Avenue and Lancaster Avenue, then northwest along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and Haverford Station Road, then north along the middle of Haverford Station Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Haverford Station Road and Montgomery Avenue, then west along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Grays Lane, then northeast along the middle of Grays Lane to a point in the center of the intersection of Grays Lane and Mill Creek Road, then north along the middle of Mill Creek Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Old Gulph Road, then east along the middle of Old Gulph Road to a point in the middle of the intersection of Old Gulph Road and Mill Creek Road, then north along the rear property line of properties located on the east side of Mill Creek Road to a point in the middle of the Schuylkill River, then southeast along the middle of the Schuylkill River to the starting point.

HARRITON HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the center of the Schuylkill River and the Green Lane Bridge, then southwest along the middle of Belmont Avenue to a point adjacent to the rear property line of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road, then southwest along the rear property lines of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road to a point in the middle of Conshohocken State Road, then west along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Conshohocken State Road and Manayunk Road, then south along the middle of Manayunk Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Manayunk Road and Standish Road, then southwest along the middle of Standish Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Standish Road and Hamilton Road, then along the middle of Hamilton Road to a point adjacent to the property line of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then northeast along the east boundary of the property at 209 Hamilton Road, then north and west along the rear of the properties located on the north side of Hamilton Road, including the property located at 603 Revere Road, to a point in the middle of Revere Road, then south along the middle of Revere Road to a point adjacent to the north curb line of Maplewood Ave., then southwest along the north curb line of Maplewood Ave. to a point where the boundary of General Wayne Park ends, then along the rear property line of the properties located on the northwest side of Maplewood Ave. to a point in the middle of Montgomery Avenue, then east along the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Haverford Avenue, then southwest along the middle of Haverford Avenue to a point in the

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center of the intersection of Haverford Avenue and North Wynnewood Avenue, then south along the middle of North Wynnewood Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and East Wynnewood Road, then west along the center of East Wynnewood Road and West Wynnewood Road to a point in the center of the intersection of West Wynnewood Road and County Line Road, then west along the middle of County Line Road to a point in the center of the intersection of County Line Road and Cricket Avenue, then east along the middle of Cricket Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Cricket Avenue and Lancaster Avenue, then northwest along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to a point adjacent to the easternmost boundary of Haverford College, then southwest along the easternmost boundary of Haverford College to the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township, then northwest along the southernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to a point in the middle of Matsons Ford Road, then northeast along the middle of Matsons Ford Road to the center of the intersection of Dehaven Avenue and Matsons Ford Road, then along the westernmost boundary of Lower Merion Township to a point in the middle of the Schuylkill River adjacent to Conshohocken, then east and southeast along the middle of the Schuylkill River to the starting point.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE AREA

Students who reside within the area bounded by an imaginary line that begins in the middle of the Schuylkill River at a point in the middle of the Green Lane Bridge, then southeast along the middle of Belmont Avenue to a point just past the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Rock Hill Road, then southwest along the rear of the properties located on the southeast side of Rock Hill Road to a point in the middle of Conshohocken State Road, then west along the middle of Conshohocken State Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Conshohocken State Road and Manayunk Road, then south along the middle of Manayunk Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Manayunk Road and Bryn Mawr Avenue, then west along the middle of Bryn Mawr Avenue to a point in the center of the intersection of Bryn Mawr Avenue and Old Gulph Road, then northwest and west along the middle of Old Gulph Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Old Gulph Road and Mill Creek Road, then southeast along the middle of Mill Creek Road to a point in the center of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Glenn Road, then continuing down the middle of Mill Creek Road to a point in the center of Montgomery Avenue, then west down the middle of Montgomery Avenue to a point adjacent to the rear of the property lines of the properties located on the west side of Anderson Avenue, then south along the rear property lines of the properties located on the west side of Anderson Avenue to an intersecting point with the SEPTA railway, then northwest along the SEPTA

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railway to a point which would intersect with an extended line from the rear property lines of the properties located on the west side of Ardmore Avenue, then south along this line to the middle of Lancaster Avenue, then west along the middle of Lancaster Avenue to a point adjacent to the eastern property line of Haverford College, then south along the eastern property line of Haverford College to the southernmost boundary line of Lower Merion Township, then southeast along the southernmost boundary line of Lower Merion Township to a point in the middle of City Avenue, then east along the middle of City Avenue to a point in the middle of the Schuylkill River, then northwest along the middle of the Schuylkill River to the starting point.

II. SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATION TO ASSIGN NEW RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

The Superintendent is authorized by the accompanying Board Policy to assign new residential communities to an attendance area or areas outside of, or otherwise different than, the attendance area boundaries established pursuant to Section I. above.

For purposes of this policy, “new residential communities” means communities located on properties that, as of the latest review date of this Administrative Regulation were either (1) zoned by the applicable municipality as other than as “Residence” or, (2) if zoned as “Residence,” were unimproved.

Prior to authorizing an assignment of a new residential community and in as timely a manner as practical under the circumstance, the Superintendent shall:

1. Inform the Board in writing of the proposed assignment;
2. Announce the proposed assignment at a public Board meeting;
3. Notify the developer of the community in writing of the proposed assignment that the assignment is under consideration and that potential residential home buyers in the community should be advised accordingly; and
4. Notify any other identified stakeholders affected by such an assignment in writing.